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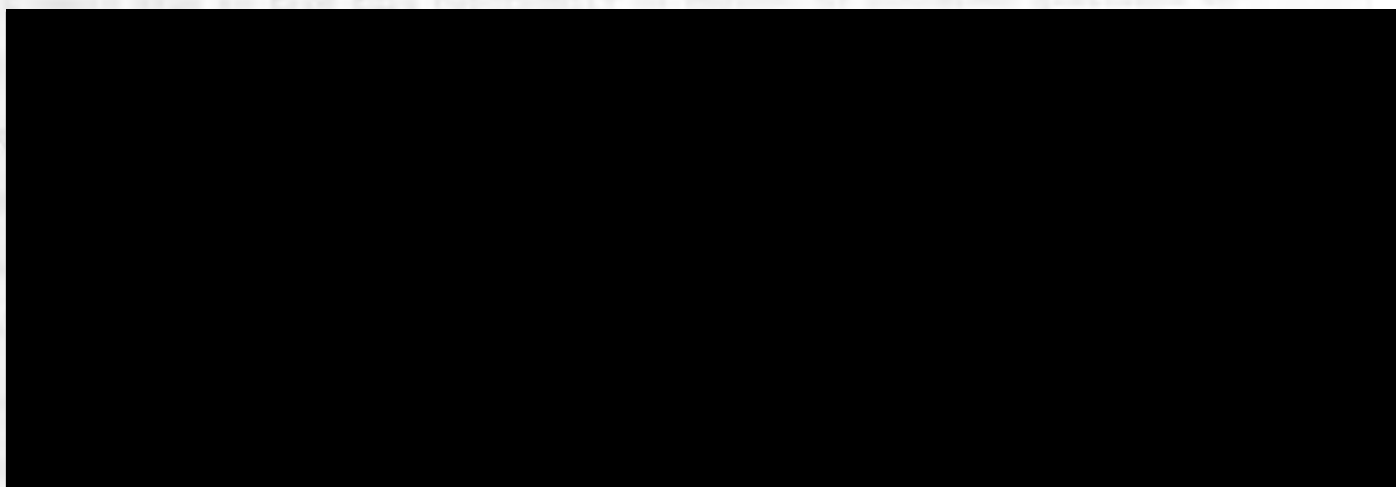
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ABSTRACT

The study of problems and structural properties of regular and extended state space theory may be reduced to a study of first-order linear differential equations

$$S(F,G): F\dot{x}(t) = Gx(t), \quad F, G \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$$

Matrix pencil theory is the key tool for the study of  $S(F,G)$  differential systems. The development of a general theory for  $S(F,G)$  systems, and thus the development of a unifying theory for linear systems, necessitates the further enrichment of the classical theory of strict equivalence for matrix pencils. To cover the needs of linear systems, a matrix pencil theory has to be general enough and should have a geometric, dynamic, topological, invariant theory and computational dimension. This thesis aspires to contribute in the development of the matrix pencil theory along the above lines and thus contribute in the foundations of a matrix pencil based unifying theory for linear systems.

The theory of strict equivalence is detached from its algebraic context and it is presented as a theory of ordered pairs  $(F,G)$ . The strict equivalence invariants are defined in a number theoretic way, by the properties of appropriate Peicewise Arithmetic progression sequences defined on a pair  $(F,G)$ . This new characterisation of strict equivalence invariants allows the derivation of new procedures for computing the Kronecker canonical form, for constructing minimal bases, and provides the means for the establishment of the geometric theory of strict equivalence invariants. The subspaces of the domain of  $(F,G)$  are classified in terms of the invariants of the restriction pencil. A variety of notions of invariant subspaces emerges, such as  $(F,G)^-$ ,  $(G,F)^-$ , complete- $(F,G)$ -invariant subspaces and extended- $(F,G)^-$ ,  $(G,F)^-$ , complete- $(F,G)$ -invariant subspaces. These notions of invariant subspaces are

the counterparts of the standard notions of invariant subspaces of the geometric theory. The properties of the solution space of  $S(F,G)$  differential systems are studied and the different notions of invariant subspaces are characterised dynamically in terms of the properties of  $C^\infty$ -, distributional-holdability and  $C^\infty$ -, distributional reachability. Once more, these dynamic properties are generalisations of the fundamental notions of geometric theory. The theory of invariants of matrix pencils, or ordered pairs, is enriched by the study of invariants under Bilinear strict equivalence; a complete set of invariants is defined under this equivalence. This study leads to a "space frequency" relativistic classification of the dynamic and geometric properties of  $S(F,G)$  systems and their invariant subspaces; furthermore, it provides the means for a systematic study of dual systems and problems in linear systems. The further development of the theory of invariant forced realisations, allows the translation of results and properties derived on  $S(F,G)$  back to linear systems theory. Finally, the problem of defining appropriate topological settings for the study of properties of pencils under uncertainty in their description is examined. New metric topologies are introduced and their links to known results of the perturbation theory of the generalised eigenvalue-eigenvector problem are established.



NOTATION AND ABBREVIATIONS

Throughout this thesis, the following notation and abbreviations will be used:

$\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{R}[s]$	the field of real, complex numbers and rational functions, respectively
$\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{N}$	the set of integers and natural numbers, respectively
$\mathbb{R}[s]$	the ring of polynomials over $\mathbb{R}$
$\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{C}^n, \mathbb{R}^n(s)$	the $n$ -dimensional vector spaces over $\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{R}(s)$
$\mathbb{F}^{m \times n}$	the set of $m \times n$ matrices with elements from the field $\mathbb{F}$
$\text{PGL}(1, \mathbb{C})$	the general projective group on the projective straight line of $\mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$
$D(0), D(\infty), D(a)$	the set of zero, infinite and a elementary divisors, respectively
$I_c(F, G)$	the set of column minimal indices of $sF - \hat{s}G$
$I_r(F, G)$	the set of row minimal indices of $sF - \hat{s}G$
$E_H$	the strict equivalence
$E_{H-B}$	the bilinear-strict equivalence
$E_H(F, G)$	the strict equivalence class of $L = (F, G)$
$P_a^{k*}(F, G)$	the $a$ -Toeplitz matrices which are specified by $a$ and the pair $(F, G)$
$N_a^k$	denote a nested basis matrix of $N_a^k = N_r\{P_a^k(F, G)\}$
$S_a(F, G), W_a(F, G)$	the Segre, Weyr characteristics of $sF - G$ at $s = a$ , respectively
$E_p(f)$	the projective equivalence class of $f(s, \hat{s})$
$i \in \mathbb{r}$	$i \in \{1, 2, \dots, r\}$
$[\beta_{\mathbb{C}}^\pi(f)], [\beta_{\mathbb{R}}^\pi(f)]$	the $(\mathbb{C} - \pi) - (\mathbb{R} - \pi)$ basis matrix of $f(s, \hat{s})$ , respectively
$J_{\mathbb{C}}(f)$	the complex list of $f(s, \hat{s})$
$J_{\mathbb{R}}(f)$	the real list of $f(s, \hat{s})$

$[B^{\pi, \pi'}(f)]$	$(\pi - \pi')$ -basis matrix of $f(s, \hat{s})$
$E_{eh}^c, E_{eh}^r$	the complex-real Hermite equivalence, respectively
$\Lambda^p V$	the $p$ -th exterior power of the vector space $V$
$Q_{m,n}$	the set of lexicographically ordered, strictly increasing sequences of $m$ integers from $1, 2, \dots, n$
$\underline{a}_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \underline{a}_m = \underline{a}_\omega$	the exterior product of the vectors $\underline{a}_1, \dots, \underline{a}_m$ of an $n$ -dimensional vector space $V$ where $\omega = (i_1, \dots, i_m) \in Q_{m,n}$
$C_p(A)$	the $p$ -th compound matrix of $A \in F^{m \times n}$ , $p \leq \min(m, n)$
$\phi_r$	the set of quadruples
$P_r$	the set of $r$ -prime Plücker vectors of $T$
$L(V; W)$	the set of all linear mappings from $V$ into $W$
$c.-(F, G)$ -i.s.	complete- $(F, G)$ -invariant subspace
$(F, G)$ -i.s.	$(F, G)$ -invariant subspace
$M_a^i$	$i$ -th generalised null space of $(F, G)$ at $s=a$
$M_a^*$	maximal generalised null space of $(F, G)$ at $s=a$
$S_a(F, G)$	the Segre characteristic of $(F, G)$ at $s=a$
$W_a(F, G)$	the Weyr characteristic of $(F, G)$ at $s=a$
$\tilde{\Sigma}_a(F, G)$	normal complete prime set of chains of $(F, G)$ at $s=a$
$L_\epsilon(s, \hat{s})$	the standard c.m.i. block associated with $\epsilon$
$W_r$	right Weyr sequence of $(F, G)$
$P_k[(s, \hat{s}); N_k]$	$N_k$ -right annihilating set of $sF - \hat{s}G$
$M_{\sigma_1}, \hat{M}_{\sigma_1}$	$\mathbb{R}[s]-$ , $\mathbb{R}[\hat{s}]-$ , $\sigma_1$ -right annihilating modules of $(F, G)$ respectively
$W^i(N_k)$	$i$ th supporting space of $N_k$
$K_r(F, G)$	right set of singularity of $(F, G)$
$L_{m,n}$	the set: $\{(F, G) : F, G \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}\}$
APR	arithmetic progression relationship
APS	arithmetic progression sequence



BE	bilinear equivalence
BSEG	bilinear strict equivalence group
BSE	bilinear strict equivalence
BEG	bilinear equivalence group
$(\mathbb{C}, \text{UFS})$	complex unique factorisation set
c.i.v.	consistent initial vector
d.g.s.	dual generalised state
d.s.t.	distributional state trajectory
e.d.	elementary divisor
e.r.o.'s	elementary row operations
e.c.o.'s	elementary column operations
e.l.s.	entirely left singular
e.r.s.	entirely right singular
e.e.r.s.	extended entirely right singular
e.e.r.r.	extended entirely right regular
f.e.d.	finite elementary divisors
g.c.d.	greatest common divisor
G.R.D.	greatest right divisor
G.L.D.	greatest left divisor
G.C.R.D.	greatest common right divisor
G.C.L.D.	greatest common left divisor
G.L.M.P.	general linear mapping problem
g.s.	generalised state
$(K-a-(F,G)\text{-T.M.})$	K-th order a-(F,G)-Toeplitz matrices
L.D.	left divisor
M.F.D.	matrix fraction description
m.r.f.i.r.	minimal regular forced invariant realisation
m.r.i.r.	minimal regular invariant realisation

(NI.PAPS)	non-increasing PAPS	1024
n.K.o.	natural Kröneckers orbit	
n.B.o.	natural Brunovsky orbit	
n.s.t.	normal state trajectory	
O.I.M.	orthogonal invariant metric	
PAPS	piecewise arithmetic progression sequence	
PAPSD	piecewise arithmetic progression diagram	
p.r.f.i.r.	proper regular invariant realisations	11
RPAPS	right piecewise arithmetic progression sequence	11
(IR-UFS)	real unique factorisation set	
r.f.i.r.	regular forced invariant realisation	11
r.i.r.	regular invariant realisation	11
SEG	strict equivalence group	17
TVS	topological vector space	23
UFS	unique factorisation set	27
WSD	Weyr sequence diagram	
z.e.d.	zero elementary divisors	28

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## CHAPTER 1:

## Introduction

The theory that we present in this book falls within an area of research that is referred to as "matrix pencil approach" in the geometric theory of linear systems. The two fundamental parts of this approach are the geometric theory of linear systems and the algebraic theory of linear systems. The book presents here is an attempt to unify the geometric, algebraic and dynamic aspects of linear system analysis, which may be viewed as the study of properties of generalized autonomous differential systems  $\dot{X} = A(X)X$ ,  $F(X) = 0$ ,  $Y = G(X)X$ .

The basic philosophy underlying the geometric approach to linear systems, is that a system is as earlier defined by a number of mappings defined in an abstract linear space (the input, the state and the output systems) and various structural features of the system are therefore determined by the set in which these mappings determine their domain and codomain. These structural features can be expressed in terms of the geometrical properties of different types of subspaces connected with these mappings. Geometric analysis of systems and synthesis of controllers can be viewed as problems concerning the intersection of certain subspaces and the existence of mappings with given properties. In our approach to this approach is the characterization and properties of various different types of invariant subspaces. The basic references for the geometric approach can be found in [1], [2], [3], [4], [5].

The matrix pencil approach to geometric theory [6], [7], [8], [9], [10], [11], [12], [13], [14], [15], [16], [17], [18], [19], [20], [21], [22], [23], [24], [25], [26], [27], [28], [29], [30], [31], [32], [33], [34], [35], [36], [37], [38], [39], [40], [41], [42], [43], [44], [45], [46], [47], [48], [49], [50], [51], [52], [53], [54], [55], [56], [57], [58], [59], [60], [61], [62], [63], [64], [65], [66], [67], [68], [69], [70], [71], [72], [73], [74], [75], [76], [77], [78], [79], [80], [81], [82], [83], [84], [85], [86], [87], [88], [89], [90], [91], [92], [93], [94], [95], [96], [97], [98], [99], [100], [101], [102], [103], [104], [105], [106], [107], [108], [109], [110], [111], [112], [113], [114], [115], [116], [117], [118], [119], [120], [121], [122], [123], [124], [125], [126], [127], [128], [129], [130], [131], [132], [133], [134], [135], [136], [137], [138], [139], [140], [141], [142], [143], [144], [145], [146], [147], [148], [149], [150], [151], [152], [153], [154], [155], 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[728], [729], [730], [731], [732], [733], [734], [735], [736], [737], [738], [739], [740], [741], [742], [743], [744], [745], [746], [747], [748], [749], [750], [751], [752], [753], [754], [755], [756], [757], [758], [759], [760], [761], [762], [763], [764], [765], [766], [767], [768], [769], [770], [771], [772], [773], [774], [775], [776], [777], [778], [779], [780], [781], [782], [783], [784], [785], [786], [787], [788], [789], [790], [791], [792], [793], [794], [795], [796], [797], [798], [799], [800], [801], [802], [803], [804], [805], [806], [807], [808], [809], [810], [811], [812], [813], [814], [815], [816], [817], [818], [819], [820], [821], [822], [823], [824], [825], [826], [827], [828], [829], [830], [831], [832], [833], [834], [835], [836], [837], [838], [839], [840], [841], [842], [843], [844], [845], [846], [847], [848], [849], [850], [851], [852], [853], [854], [855], [856], [857], [858], [859], [860], [861], [862], [863], [864], [865], [866], [867], [868], [869], [870], 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## CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION

The theory that will be presented in this thesis falls within an area of research that is referred to as "matrix pencil approach" to the geometric theory of linear systems. The two fundamental parts of this approach are the geometric theory of linear systems and the algebraic theory of matrix pencils. The work presented here is an attempt to unify the geometric, algebraic and dynamic aspects of linear system problems, which may be reduced to the study of properties of generalised autonomous differential systems  $S(F,G): \dot{F}x = Gx$ ,  $F, G \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ .

The basic philosophy underlying the geometric approach to linear systems, is that a system is an entity defined by a number of mappings defined on abstract linear spaces (the input, the state and the output space); several relevant structural features of the system are therefore determined by the way in which these mappings interwine in their domains and codomains. These structural features can be expressed in terms of the geometrical properties of different types of subspaces connected with these mappings. Questions involving the existence and synthesis of controllers may be reduced to problems concerning the interrelationships of certain subspaces and the existence of mappings with given properties. Of key importance to this approach is the characterisation and properties of various different types of invariant subspaces. The basic references for the geometric approach may be found in [Won.-1],[Will.-1].

The matrix pencil approach to geometric theory [Was. & Eck. -1],[MacF. & Kar. -1],[Kar. -1],[Jaf. & Kar. -1] has been motivated by the need to simplify the characterisation of the basic concepts and the solution of problems of the geometric theory, by introducing an algebraic dimension to them. The characterisation of subspaces of the state space is based on the strict equi-

valence invariants of a special pencil, called the "restriction pencil" of the subspace. This approach has provided the means for a better understanding of the structural aspects of linear systems and it has reduced the problem of computations to the study of a generalised eigenvalue-eigenvector problem. The present research is motivated by the results of the standard matrix pencil approach. It aspires to contribute in the developement of a matrix pencil approach for a broader class of linear systems, that includes both regular and extended state space systems. Of crucial importance for such an attempt is the developement of a geometric and dynamic theory of matrix pencils, or of autonomous generalised differential systems. The main emphasis of the present work is on the developement of a general theory of  $S(F,G)$  systems.

The geometric approach for linear regular state space systems is a theory developed for first order non-singular differential equations. The intimate link of general first order linear differential equations with matrix pencil operators, suggests that the matrix pencil theory is the natural setting for the developement of the geometric, algebraic, dynamic and computational aspects of broad classes of linear dynamical systems; within the families of linear systems that may be studied in terms of matrix pencils, we distinguish the singular, or extended state space systems, regular state space systems and systems with uncertainty in their parameters. In the attempt to generalise the standard geometric theory to singular systems we face a number of difficulties; these are due to the lack of a geometric theory of matrix pencils and to the obstacles in the interpretation of strict equivalence transformations as meaningful feedback operations on the system. Extending the standard theory to linear systems with uncertainty in the description of the basic maps, becomes a more difficult problem; apart from results on the perturbation theory of eigenvalues, there is no general theory of topological properties of the S.E. invariants and associated subspaces for matrix pencils.

A special case of "uncertain" descriptions is the family of singularly perturbed systems; for this case, the natural operator becomes the "matrix combinant", or "matrix net",  $\sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i F_i$ ,  $F_i \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $\lambda_i$  indeterminates. A theory for such operators has not been developed yet. The algebraic theory of S.E. of matrix pencils is also inadequate in dealing with problems involving "space-frequency" transformations on matrix pencils and which arise in the study of dual systems and problems [Kar. & Hay. -1,3], in the "space-frequency relativistic" classification of system properties, as well as in the conditioning of the generalised eigenvalue-eigenvector problem [Kubl. -1].

It is evident, that a prerequisite of the developement of a general theory for linear systems is the further enrichment of matrix pencil theory beyond the classifical theory of S.E. and the recent numerical analysis advances [Kag. & Ruh. -1]. The aim of the present work is to contribute in the developement of those aspects of matrix pencil theory, which primarily concern linear systems theory. The main topics discussed are:

- (1) Number theoretic aspects of S.E. invariants.
- (2) Geometric theory of matrix pencils.
- (3) Bilinear-Strict equivalence of matrix pencils.
- (4) Dynamic aspects of  $S(F,G)$  differential systems.
- (5) Framework for the study of topological properties of matrix pencils.

These topics are of key importance for the developement of a general theory of generalised autonomous differential systems that encompasses the algebraic, geometric, dynamic, "relativistic", topological and computational aspects.

A general theory for such differential systems, may provide the means for a unifying and general approach for linear systems of the regular and extended state space type.

The standard eigenvalue-eigenvector problem defined on a matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  has algebraic, geometric and number theoretic aspects. The algebraic pro-



properties are defined by the S.E. invariants of the pencil  $sI-A$ , the geometric properties are connected with the structural aspects of generalised null spaces (elementary  $A$ -invariant subspaces) and the number theoretic properties are implicit in the Segré, Weyr characteristic theory [Tur. & Ait. -1]. Note that each one of the above properties, and quite independently from the others, may be used for the computation of the Jordan form and thus for defining the structure of the eigenvalue-eigenvector problem. This implies that the theory of the eigenvalue-eigenvector problem may be presented on the pair  $(I,A)$  without using the algebraic structure of the pencil  $sI-A$ .

Generalising the geometric and number theoretic properties from  $sI-A$  to the general  $sF-G$  case, implies also a detachment of the theory of S.E. invariants from its purely algebraic basis (Smith form, theory of minimal bases [For. -1]); this is equivalent to presenting the theory on the ordered pairs  $(F,G)$  without resorting to the algebraic notion of the matrix pencil. A theory of S.E. presented on  $(F,G)$  has a number of important advantages from the conceptual and computational points of view. In fact, similarly to the  $(I,A)$  simple case, the number theoretic properties, expressed by an extended Segré-Weyr theory, may be used for the definition of the set of S.E. invariants of  $(F,G)$  and thus for the computation of the Kronecker form. The computational advantages, within the framework of the new definitions, stem from that standard numerical linear algebra techniques may be deployed. Extending the geometric properties from  $(I,A)$  to the general  $(F,G)$  case, it is expected that a variety of new notions of invariant subspaces, rich in dynamic properties will emerge; the standard matrix pencil approach and geometric theory indicate the existence of such subspaces, which are rich in dynamic properties and thus may describe a number of important properties in linear systems. Finally, we should point out, that a S.E. theory presented on pairs  $(F,G)$  provides a more convenient setting for generalisations of the theory, when it is compared with the algebraic approach based on  $sF-G$ .

Frequency domain transformations of the bilinear type, have been used in the study of various problems of linear systems theory, as well as in numerical analysis. In the context of linear systems, special bilinear transformations have been deployed for the definition of infinite zeros of a rational matrix [Verg. -1], for the computation of finite and infinite zeros of a rational matrix [Kouv. & Edm. -1] and the definition and study of properties of the "integrator-differentiator" type of duality [Kar. & Hay. -1,3]. In the context of numerical analysis, special bilinear transformations have been used for improving the bad-conditioning of the generalised eigenvalue-eigenvector problem [Kubl. -1]. The need for a general theory "space-frequency" domain transformations is apparent.

The origins of Bilinear-Strict Equivalence (B.S.E.) go back to the classical theory of matrix pencils [Tur. & Ait. -1]. However, apart from some preliminary results, there is no general theory of invariants under B.S.E. Given that B.S.E. expresses coordinate transformations in the space (domain and codomain of a pair  $(F,G)$ ) and frequency (coordinate transformations on the Riemann sphere) domains, such a theory has a "relativistic", space-frequency dimension. From the theoretical viewpoint, a general theory of invariants under B.S.E. is a prerequisite for the developement of a theory of dual problems, as well as for the "relativistic" classification of important linear systems concepts. Thus, such a theory may provide the means for a "relativistic" classification of system theoretic notions, such as stability, controllability, observability,  $(A,B)$ -invariance e.t.c., according to their properties to vary, or remain invariant under "space-frequency" transformations. From the numerical analysis viewpoint, it is believed that such a theory is necessary for the "optimal" conditioning of the generalised eigenvalue-eigenvector problem. The basic idea behind the latter problem, is the definition of a suitable equivalent problem, with "nice" computational

properties; the computations may then be carried out on the equivalent problem and the results are then interpreted back to the original badly conditioned problem.

The importance of the study of dynamic aspects of the autonomous generalised differential system  $S(F,G)$ , stems from its links to the study of motions, which are restricted in a given subspace of the state space of a linear regular, or singular system. This study, provides the means for a dynamic characterisation of the various types of invariant subspaces of the domain of  $(F,G)$ ; it is therefore, instrumental in generalising the fundamental notions of  $(A,B)$ -invariant, almost controllability subspaces of linear systems, to the case of  $S(F,G)$  differential systems. By establishing an expression for these fundamental dynamical concepts, on the more abstract level of  $S(F,G)$  descriptions, the problem of their translation to particular cases, such extended state space systems, becomes much easier.

There are certain conceptual difficulties associated with the  $S(F,G)$  differential systems. In fact, in the general case, there exist certain initial conditions for which the uniqueness property of the solution does not hold true; thus,  $S(F,G)$  descriptions do not always represent a dynamical system. To overcome these conceptual obstacles, a theory is needed to parametrise the solutions and explain the arbitrariness in a meaningful system theoretic way. The theory of "invariant forced realisations" of the  $S(F,G)$  differential systems [Kar. & Hay. -2], has been introduced to serve that purpose. In fact, it allows the parametrisation of trajectories in a family of a given initial condition, in terms of external control inputs; furthermore, it allows the interpretation of  $S(F,G)$  as a "feedback free" description of a control problem defined on an orbit of linear systems.

The necessity for an appropriate topological framework for studying the properties of a pair  $(F,G)$ , or the pencil  $sF-G$  needs hardly to be emphasised. The



uncertainty in the exact values of parameters of real life linear models is inherent; two of the main reasons are inaccuracies in the experimental data and rounding off errors in computations. Implicit on the study of robustness of the algebraic and geometric properties of a pair  $(F,G)$ , is the setting up of an appropriate topological framework; for a topological framework to be suitable for the study of robustness it must have the following properties: It must be natural, as far as describing the origins of uncertainty, should be related to the fundamental properties of  $(F,G)$ , and must be strong enough for the derivation of strong robustness results.

The origins of the theory presented in this thesis, come from the work of Karcanias [Kar. & Hay. -1,2],[Kar. -5] on the theory of generalised autonomous differential systems  $S(F,G)$ . This thesis aspires to contribute in the development of the proper foundations of a general theory of  $S(F,G)$  type differential systems; such a theory is considered as a prerequisite of a matrix pencil approach for broader families of linear systems. The material presented here is structured in the following way.

The second chapter of this thesis provides a selective summary of concepts results, and tools from the mathematical topics which are essential for the development of the results in the following chapters. The range of topics discussed there are from: the theory of invariants, polynomial matrices and rational vector spaces theory, the classical theory of matrix pencils, the Segre-Weyr characteristic theory of the eigenvalue-eigenvector problem, Exterior algebra and Compound matrix theory, and finally, the essential topological notions.

The third chapter "set the scene" for the theory that will be developed in the following chapters. Section (3.2) provides a brief summary of the fundamental concepts of geometric theory, as they have been developed [Won. -1],[Will. -1]. The emphasis is on the dynamic and geometric characterisation of  $(A,B)$ -invariant,

almost (A,B)-invariant, controllability, almost controllability subspaces. In the same section, a brief summary of the matrix pencil approach to geometric theory [Kar. -1],[Jaf & Kar. -1] is also given; the emphasis there is on the algebraic characterisation of the fundamental invariant subspaces. Section (3.3) shows how matrix pencil theory and the generalised autonomous differential systems  $S(F,G)$ , arise in the context of regular and extended state space systems. It is there, where the  $S(F,G)$  description emerges as the unifying object for the study of structural properties of linear systems. In section (3.4) the notions of duality and dual problems, arising from the  $S(F,G)$  description are examined. This topic provides the motivation for the material in chapter (6).

The fourth chapter generalises the Segrè-Weyr characteristic theory and the generalised null spaces results from the standard eigenvalue-eigenvector problem defined by a regular pencil. For every generalised eigenvalue ( $|\lambda F - G| = 0$ ), a special sequence of the "Piecewise Arithmetic Progression" (PAP) type is defined; the analysis of PAP sequences, leads to the derivation of the Segrè characteristic of  $(F,G)$  at  $s=\lambda$ , which in turn, provides a number theoretic definition of e.d., independently from the algebraic one. A method for constructing the Weierstrass canonical form is suggested, which makes use of Ferrer's diagrams for the analysis of PAP sequences and avoids the use of special transformations. The geometry of a regular pencil is investigated by defining the notion of the generalised null space at  $s=\lambda$  and then by investigating its structural properties. The structure of basis matrices for the null space of Toeplitz matrices reveals the complete geometric dimension of e.d.; a systematic procedure for computing independent Jordan type chains is given, which in turn provides an alternative technique for computing the Weierstrass form. The results of the chapter reveal the complete geometric and number theoretic dimension of e.d. and provide alternative means for their definition/computation.

Chapter (5) is an extension of the Segre-Weyr theory to the case of singular pencils. It is shown that the number theoretic and geometric results developed for regular pencils may be extended for the case of column, row minimal indices (c.m.i.), (r.m.i.) of a singular pencil. In fact, the set of c.m.i. (r.m.i.) may be defined by analysing the properties of appropriate piecewise Arithmetic Progression sequences; these results demonstrate the unity between the S.E. invariants and provide the number theoretic dimension of c.m.i. (r.m.i.) is associated with the structure of the maximal annihilating spaces defined on a pair  $(F, G)$ . The module structures of the pair  $(F, G)$  are examined and a systematic procedure for constructing minimal polynomial bases, based on standard linear algebra, is suggested. The results provide a thorough description of the number theoretic, geometric and algebraic properties of c.m.i., r.m.i.

The sixth chapter develops a general theory of algebraic invariants of matrix pencils, or ordered pairs, under Bilinear Strict Equivalence (B.S.E). Starting from the invariance property of c.m.i., r.m.i. and the covariance property of e.d. a complete set of invariants under B.S.E. is defined. These invariants are defined by the real, complex lists (degrees of all e.d., or all Segre characteristics) and vectors defined as Plücker vectors and canonical Grassmann vectors. A fundamental part of the analysis is the determination of a complete set of invariants of homogeneous binary polynomials under projective equivalence; this problem is shown to be equivalent to the general linear mapping problem on a Riemann sphere. Finally, the effect of B.E. on stability of e.d. is examined and the role of B.E. transformations on assigning different properties to matrix pencils is discussed. These results in this chapter provide the tools for the relativistic classification of system properties, construction of dual problems and investigating the existence of pencils with "good" numerical analysis characteristics.

Chapter (7) deals with the number theoretic, geometric and dynamic aspects of a general pencil and it is divided into four main parts. Section (7.2) extends the theory of PAP sequences characterising the sets of elementary divisors (e.d.) to the general case of singular pencils. These results together with the PAP sequences characterisation of c.m.i. and r.m.i. provide the means for a number theoretic definition of the set of S.E. invariants on the pair  $(F,G)$ , as well as a procedure for finding the Kronecker form without use of special transformations. The basic element of the procedure is the singular value decomposition which is used for the computation of the different types of PAP sequences. Section (7.3) deals with the geometric properties of the subspaces of the domain of  $(F,G)$ . The key tool is the restriction pencil  $(F,G)/V$  with  $I_V$  set of S.E. invariants. The geometry of simple invariant subspaces (characterised by one type only of S.E. invariants) is examined first; the structure of such subspaces leads to the definition of  $(F,G)-$ ,  $(G,F)-$ , and complete  $(F,G)$ -invariant subspaces. A detailed account of the structure of such subspaces is given and these notions of invariant subspaces are extended to those of partitioned- $(F,G)$ -invariant subspaces (p- $(F,G)$ -i.s.), extended  $(F,G)-$ ,  $(G,F)-$ , complete- $(F,G)$ -invariant subspaces. The geometry and spectrum properties of such subspaces are examined in detail. Finally, the relationships of abstract subspace algorithms defined on  $(F,G)$  pair with the different notions of invariant subspaces is discussed. This latter study leads to a characterisation and computation of the various types of supremal invariant subspaces of the domain of  $(F,G)$ . The results of this section establish a complete geometric theory for matrix pencils, which may be presented on ordered pairs  $(F,G)$  and independently from the underlying algebra.

In section (7.4) the theory of invariant realisations [Kar. & Hay. -1,2] is further developed. The theory is presented on ordered triples  $(F,G;V)$ , where  $V$  is a subspace of the domain of  $(F,G)$ ; these results allow the interpretation



of the geometric and dynamic results derived on  $S(F,G)$  descriptions, or matrix pencils, back to the theory of linear systems. The essence of the theory is the definition of another triple  $(F',G';V')$ , where  $(F',G')$  is entirely right singular (characterised only by c.m.i.), such that the restriction pencils  $(F,G)/V$ ,  $(F',G')/V'$  are S.E. The final section (7.5), deals with the properties of the solution space of the  $S(F,G)$  descriptions and the dynamic characterisation of the invariant subspaces of  $(F,G)$ . The solution space is characterised by defining the initial and redundancy spaces of  $S(F,G)$ ; the initial space is further characterised by defining the regular (uniqueness of solutions) and non regular (no uniqueness of solutions) subspaces. A further classification of the regular initial space is given in terms of the  $C^\infty$ , distributional nature of the solutions. These notions of initial subspaces are related to the invariant subspaces of the pair  $(F,G)$ . The dynamic characterisation of invariant subspaces is done in terms of two fundamental properties; the holdability and the reachability properties. According to the nature of solutions we distinguish the families of  $C^\infty$ -, distributionally-holding subspaces and  $C^\infty$ -, distributionally reachability subspaces; these notions, defined on  $S(F,G)$  systems, are extensions of the notions of  $(A,B)$ -invariant, almost  $(A,B)$ -invariant, controllability, almost controllability subspaces of the geometric theory. The different types of invariant subspaces of  $(F,G)$  are classified according to the above four properties. Finally, the parametrisation of the solution is discussed; this is achieved by using the notion of invariant forced realisation.

Chapter (8) provides a framework for discussing the topological (properties under uncertainty) aspects of pairs  $(F,G)$  and a "space-frequency" relativistic classification of the geometric and dynamic properties of  $S(F,G)$  systems. Different types of convenient (as far as description of uncertainty) metric topologies are introduced. The new metrics are related to already known ones; thus, the links with standard perturbation results are established. The notion

of deflating subspace [Stew. -1], which plays an important role in perturbation theory, is shown to be equivalent to the notion of elementary divisor type subspace discussed in section (7.3). Finally, the results of chapter (6) are used to classify the geometric and dynamic properties of  $S(F,G)$  systems to those which depend on frequency coordinate transformations and those which are invariant under such transformations. The conclusions and future research extensions of this work are given in chapter (9).

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In this chapter we give a brief account of some important mathematical topics which form an essential background to the topics discussed in the following Chapters.

In Section (2.1) we review some of the fundamental concepts and results on invariants and canonical forms defined on equivalence classes. In Section (2.2) a brief account of results from the theory of polynomial matrices and rational vector spaces is given. Particular emphasis is given to the theory of polynomial minimal bases, which in the context of matrix pencils plays a crucial role, especially in Chapter (5). The background on Exterior algebra is needed for the development of the theory of invariants of matrix pencils under Bilinear strict equivalence, presented in Chapter (6), as well as for the development of a new angle metric for ordered pairs  $(F,G)$ , or matrix pencils given in the last Chapter. In Section (2.4) a brief review of the results on Segre characteristics of the standard eigenvalue problem is given; this review is needed as a background to Chapters (4) and (5), where the Segre' theory is extended to the generalised eigenvalue-eigenvector problem. A brief account of the classical matrix pencil theory is given in Section (2.5). Finally, a summary of essential topological notions is given in Section (2.6).

### 2.1 Equivalence Relations, Invariants and Canonical forms [Bir. & MacL. -1]

We shall begin by introducing some definitions and results which will be used later in this thesis.

Definition (2.1): A relation from a set  $X$  to a set  $Y$  is a subset of  $X \times Y$  where  $X \times Y$  is the set of all ordered pairs of the form  $(x,y)$  where  $x \in X$ ,  $y \in Y$ .

Definition (2.2): A relation  $R$  on  $X$  ( $R \subset X \times X$ ) is called an equivalence relation if it satisfies the following three conditions

- (i)  $\forall x \in X, (x, x) \in R$  (reflexive)  
 (ii) If  $(x, x') \in R$  then  $(x', x) \in R$  (symmetric)  
 (iii) If  $(x, x') \in R$  and  $(x', x'') \in R$  then  $(x, x'') \in R$  (transitive)

Definition (2.3): Let  $X$  be a set ( $X \neq \emptyset$ ) and  $E$  be an equivalence relation on  $X$ . Let  $x \in X$ ; then the equivalence class or orbit of  $x$  is defined by:

$$E(x) = \{y: y \in X \text{ and } (x, y) \in E\}, \quad (2.1)$$

The set of all equivalence classes is called the quotient set or orbit set and it is denoted by  $X/E$

Theorem (2.1): If  $R$  is an equivalence relation on  $X$ , then the family of all equivalence classes form a partition of  $X$ , i.e.

$$X = R(x_1) \cup R(x_2) \cup \dots \cup R(x_i) \cup \dots, \quad R(x_i) \cap R(x_j) = \emptyset \quad i \neq j$$

Definition (2.4): A system of distinct representatives for  $R$ , is a set  $T$ ,  $T \subset X$  that contains precisely one element from each of the equivalence classes.

Definition (2.5): Let  $X, T$  are sets,  $E$  an equivalence relation defined on  $X$ .

A function  $f: X \rightarrow T$  is called an invariant of  $E$ , when  $x E y$  implies  $f(x) = f(y)$ .

$f: X \rightarrow T$  is called a complete invariant for  $E$ , when  $f(x) = f(y)$  implies  $x E y$ .

\*(A complete invariant defines a one to one correspondence between the equivalence classes  $E(x)$  and the image of  $f$ ).

Definition (2.6): A set of invariants  $\{f_1, f_2, \dots, f_k: X \rightarrow T_i \quad i=1, 2, \dots, k\}$  is a complete set for  $E$ , if the map  $f$  defined by:

$$f: X \rightarrow \prod_{i=1}^k T_i: x \mapsto f(x) \triangleq (f_1(x), f_2(x), \dots, f_k(x)) \quad (2.2)$$

is a complete invariant for  $E$  on  $X$ .

Let  $f: X \rightarrow \prod_{i=1}^k T_i$  is a complete invariant for  $E$  on  $X$ . Then  $f_i(x)$ ,  $i=1, 2, \dots, k$  characterise uniquely  $E(x)$ . If we specialize the invariant  $f$  such that its image  $T \subset X$  we define a canonical element or a canonical form.

Definition (2.7): A set of canonical forms for  $E$  equivalence on  $X$  is a subset  $C$  of  $X$  such that  $\forall x \in X$  there exists a unique  $c \in C$  for which  $x \sim c$ .

Indeed, if  $\phi$  is a complete invariant and  $\phi(X) = C$ , then for any  $x \in X$  and  $c_1, c_2 \in C$ ,  $x \sim c_1$  and  $x \sim c_2$  implies  $\phi(x) = \phi(c_1) = \phi(c_2) = c_1 = c_2 = c$  by the invariance property. By completeness, we have that for any  $c \in C$ , if  $\phi(x_1) = c$  and  $\phi(x_2) = c$ , then  $x_1 \sim x_2$ .

Thus,  $c = \phi(x)$  is a unique member of  $E(x) \forall x \in X$ .

The values  $\phi_i(x)$  are often called a complete set of invariants. □

## 2.2. Polynomial matrices, Rational Vector Spaces and Smith form

### 2.2.1. $\mathbb{R}[s]$ -unimodular equivalence, Smith form. [Gant. 1]

Let  $\mathbb{R}^{p \times q}[s]$  the set of  $p \times q$  matrices from  $\mathbb{R}[s]$ ; an equivalence relation on this set may be defined as follows:

Definition (2.8): Let  $M_1(s), M_2(s) \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times q}[s]$ .  $M_1(s), M_2(s)$  are said to be  $\mathbb{R}[s]$ -equivalent if

$$M_2(s) = R(s)M_1(s)Q(s), \quad (2.3)$$

where  $R(s) \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times p}[s]$ ,  $Q(s) \in \mathbb{R}^{q \times q}[s]$ ,  $|R(s)|, |Q(s)| \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$ .

The matrices  $R(s), Q(s)$  with determinants in  $\mathbb{R} - \{0\}$  are known as  $\mathbb{R}[s]$ -unimodular matrices. If  $R(s) = I_p$  and  $Q(s)$   $\mathbb{R}(s)$ -unimodular, then  $M_1(s), M_2(s)$  are called  $\mathbb{R}[s]$ -right-equivalent and if  $Q(s) = I_q$ , and  $R(s)$   $\mathbb{R}[s]$ -unimodular, then they are called  $\mathbb{R}[s]$ -left-equivalent. It is well known that the relations defined above are equivalence relations and a complete set of invariants may be defined, as well as canonical forms. The  $\mathbb{R}[s]$ -equivalence class of  $M(s) \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times q}[s]$  will be denoted by  $E_{\mathbb{R}[s]}(M)$  and the right, left  $\mathbb{R}[s]$ -equivalence classes by  $E_{\mathbb{R}[s]}^r(M), E_{\mathbb{R}[s]}^l(M)$  respectively.





Remark (2.1): Some different elementary divisors may contain the same polynomial  $(s-s_0)^\alpha$ , (this happens, for example, in case  $\lambda_i(s) = \lambda_{i+1}(s)$  for some  $i$ ).

The total number of elementary divisors of  $M(s)$  is therefore  $\sum_{i=1}^r k_i$ . □

Remark (2.2): Let  $M(s) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}[s]$  and  $\det M(s) \neq 0$ . Then the sum  $\sum_{i=1}^r \sum_{j=1}^{k_i} \alpha_{ij}$  of degrees of its elementary divisors  $(s-s_{ij})^{\alpha_{ij}}$  coincides with the degree of  $\det M(s)$ .

Note that the knowledge of the elementary divisors of  $M(s)$  and of the number  $r$  of invariant polynomials  $\lambda_1(s), \dots, \lambda_r(s)$  is sufficient to construct  $\lambda_1(s), \dots, \lambda_r(s)$ . In this construction we use the fact that  $\lambda_i(s)$  is divisible  $\lambda_{i-1}(s)$ . Let  $s_1, s_2, \dots, s_p$  be all the different numbers from  $\mathbb{C}$  which appear in the elementary divisors, and let that  $(s-s_i)^{\alpha_{i,1}}, \dots, (s-s_i)^{\alpha_{i,k_i}}, (i \in \underline{p})$  be the elementary divisors containing the number  $s_i$ , and ordered in the descending order of the degrees  $\alpha_{i1} \geq \dots \geq \alpha_{ik_i} > 0$ . Clearly, the number  $r$  of invariant polynomials must be greater than equal to  $\max \{k_1, \dots, k_p\}$ .

Under this condition, the invariant polynomials  $\lambda_1(s), \dots, \lambda_r(s)$  are given by the formulas:

$$\lambda_j(s) = \prod_{i=1}^p (s-s_i)^{\alpha_{i,r+1-j}}, \quad j \in \underline{r} \quad (2.6)$$

where we put  $(s-s_i)^{\alpha_{i,j}=1}$  for  $j > k_i$  □

### 2.2.2. Rational matrices, M.F.Ds, coprimeness [Kail., 1]

Consider the rational matrix  $G(s) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times \ell}(s)$ ,  $\text{rank}_{\mathbb{R}(s)} \{G(s)\} = \min\{m, \ell\}$ . It is then well known that  $G(s)$  can always be factored (in a non-unique way) as

$$G(s) = D_L^{-1}(s) N_L(s) = N_R(s) D_R^{-1}(s) \quad (2.7)$$

where  $N_L(s), N_R(s) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times \ell}[s]$ ,  $D_L(s) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}[s]$ ,  $D_R(s) \in \mathbb{R}^{\ell \times \ell}[s]$  with  $\det D_L(s), \det D_R(s) \neq 0$ . The pair  $\{D_R(s), N_R(s)\}$  ( $\{D_L(s), N_L(s)\}$ ) is called a right (left) matrix fraction description (MFD) of the rational matrix  $G(s)$ .



The above definition, and the other results to be described later, show that matrix fraction descriptions provide a natural generalisation of the scalar rational function representation of a scalar rational function.

Furthermore, descriptions (2.7) establish the links between rational matrix theory and polynomial matrix theory.

**Definition (2.9):** A square polynomial matrix  $Q(s) \in \mathbb{R}^{q \times q}[s]$  is said to be a right divisor (R.D.) of a polynomial matrix  $M(s) \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times q}[s]$ , with  $p \geq q$ , if and only if there exists a polynomial matrix  $M_1(s) \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times q}[s]$ , such that

$$M(s) = M_1(s)Q(s) \quad (2.8)$$

Let  $G(s)$  be a R.D. of  $M(s)$ . Then  $Q_G(s)$  is said to be a greatest right divisor (G.R.D.) of  $M(s)$  if and only if  $\deg\{\det Q_G(s)\} \geq \deg\{\det Q(s)\}$  for every R.D.  $Q(s)$  of  $M(s)$ . □

**Remark (2.3):** Greatest right divisors of polynomial matrices are not unique. They differ only by unimodular (left) factors.

**Definition (2.10):** A polynomial matrix  $M(s) \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times q}[s]$ ,  $p \geq q$ ,  $\text{rank}_{\mathbb{R}(s)} \{M(s)\} = q$  is said to be irreducible or least degree if and only if one of the following equivalent conditions is satisfied:

- (i) all the G.R.D. of  $M(s)$  are unimodular matrices;
- (ii) the Smith form of  $M(s)$  is  $\begin{bmatrix} I_q \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ;
- (iii) the greatest common divisor of all  $q$ -order minors of  $M(s)$  is 1;
- (iv)  $\text{rank}_{\mathbb{R}(s)} \{M(s)\} = q$ , for every  $s \in \mathbb{C}$ . □

**Definition (2.11):** A square polynomial matrix  $Q(s) \in \mathbb{R}^{q \times q}[s]$  is said to be a greatest common right divisor (G.C.R.D.) of the two polynomial matrices  $M_1(s) \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times q}[s]$ ,  $M_2(s) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times q}[s]$  if and only if  $Q(s)$  satisfies the following properties:

- (i)  $Q(s)$  is a common right divisor of  $M_1(s)$  and  $M_2(s)$ ;  
(ii) if  $Q'(s) \in \mathbb{R}^{q \times q}[s]$  is any other common right divisor of  $M_1(s)$  and  $M_2(s)$ , then  $Q'(s)$  is a right divisor of  $Q(s)$ , or in other words  $\deg\{\det\{Q(s)\}\} \geq \deg\{\det\{Q'(s)\}\}$ .

□

Remark (2.4): Greatest common right divisors of two polynomial matrices are not unique. They differ only by unimodular (left) factors.

□

Definition (2.12): Two polynomial matrices  $M_1(s) \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times q}[s]$ ,  $M_2(s) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times q}[s]$  with  $\text{rank}_{\mathbb{R}(s)} \begin{bmatrix} M_1(s) \\ M_2(s) \end{bmatrix} = q$  are said to be relatively right prime or right coprime if and only if one of the following equivalent conditions is satisfied:

- (i) all the G.C.R.D. of  $M_1(s)$  and  $M_2(s)$  are unimodular matrices;  
(ii) the Smith form of  $\begin{bmatrix} M_1(s) \\ M_2(s) \end{bmatrix}$  is  $\begin{bmatrix} I_q \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ;  
(iii) the greatest common divisor of all  $q$ -order minors of  $\begin{bmatrix} M_1(s) \\ M_2(s) \end{bmatrix}$  is 1;  
(iv)  $\text{rank}_{\mathbb{R}(s)} \begin{bmatrix} M_1(s) \\ M_2(s) \end{bmatrix} = q$ , for every  $s \in \mathbb{C}$ .

□

Remark (2.5): Left divisors (L.D.), Greatest left divisors (G.L.D) and Greatest common left divisors (G.C.L.D.) can be defined with the obvious changes. For convenience, we shall henceforth talk only of right divisors.

□

Remark (2.6): A right MFD (left MFD)  $\{D_R(s), N_R(s)\}$  ( $\{D_L(s), N_L(s)\}$ ) of a transfer function matrix  $G(s)$  is called a right coprime MFD (a left coprime MFD) if and only if the matrixes  $D_R(s), N_R(s)$  ( $D_L(s), N_L(s)$ ) are tight coprime (left coprime).

Let now  $M(s) \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times q}[s]$ ,  $p \geq q$  be a polynomial matrix with  $\text{rank}_{\mathbb{R}(s)} \{M(s)\} = q$  and let us write it in terms of its  $q$  column polynomial vectors as

$$M(s) = [\underline{m}_1(s), \dots, \underline{m}_q(s)] \quad (2.9a)$$

where

$$\underline{m}_i(s) = [m_{1i}(s), \dots, m_{pi}(s)] \quad i=1, \dots, q \quad (2.9b)$$

Definition (2.13): The degree of the polynomial vector  $\underline{m}_i(s)$  is the highest degree occurring among the degrees of its polynomial elements  $m_{ji}(s)$ , i.e.

$$\deg \underline{m}_i(s) = \max_{j=1, \dots, p} \{\deg m_{ji}(s)\} \quad i=1, \dots, q \quad (2.10)$$

□

Definition (2.14) [Rosenbrock -1]: The complexity of  $M(s)$  is the sum of the degrees of its column polynomial vectors, i.e.

$$c = \sum_{i=1}^q \deg \{\underline{m}_i(s)\} \quad (2.11)$$

□

Definition (2.15) [Rosenbrock -1]: The degree  $d$  of  $M(s)$  is the highest degree occurring among the degrees of all its  $q$ -order minors.

Since a  $q$ -order minor of  $M(s)$  is a sum of products of polynomials one from each column, the maximum degree occurring among all the  $q$ -order minors of  $M(s)$ , i.e. its degree  $d$  cannot exceed its complexity  $c$ , i.e. we have [Rosenbrock -1]  $c \geq d$ . Let now that  $g_i = \deg \underline{m}_i(s)$ ,  $i=1, \dots, q$ , and write

$$\underline{m}_i(s) = \underline{m}_i^0 + \underline{m}_i^1 s + \dots + \underline{m}_i^{g_i} s^{g_i} = \sum_{k=0}^{g_i} \underline{m}_i^k s^k, \quad i=1, \dots, q \quad (2.12)$$

Then  $M(s)$  can be written as

$$M(s) = [\underline{m}_1(s), \dots, \underline{m}_q(s)] = [\underline{m}_1^{g_1}, \dots, \underline{m}_q^{g_q}] \begin{bmatrix} s^{g_1} & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & s^{g_q} \end{bmatrix} + M_b Z(s) \quad (2.13)$$

where  $M_b \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times c}$  ( $c = \sum_{i=1}^q g_i$ ), and

$$Z(s) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & & 0 \\ s & & & & \\ \vdots & & & & \\ s^{g_1-1} & & & & \\ & \ddots & & & \\ & & 1 & & \\ & & s & & \\ & & \vdots & & \\ 0 & & & s^{g_q-1} & \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{c \times q}[s] \quad (2.14)$$

The matrix  $[m_1^{g1}, \dots, m_q^{gq}] = M_a \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times q}$  is called the highest (column) degree coefficient matrix of  $M(s)$ . □

Definition (2.16): A polynomial matrix  $M(s) \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times q}[s]$  is said to be column proper or column reduced if the matrix  $M_a$  has full rank  $q$ . □

Proposition (2.1): A polynomial matrix  $M(s) \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times q}[s]$  is a column reduced if its complexity  $c$  is equal to its degree  $d$ . □

Proposition (2.2): Let  $M(s) \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times q}[s]$  be a polynomial matrix which is not column reduced. Then there always exists a unimodular matrix  $U(s) \in \mathbb{R}^{q \times q}[s]$ ,  $\det\{U(s)\} \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$ , such that the polynomial matrix  $M'(s) = M(s)U(s)$  is column reduced. □

### The Algebraic Structure of Rational Vector Spaces

Let  $G(s) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times \ell}[s]$ ,  $m \geq \ell$ ,  $\text{rank}_{\mathbb{R}(s)}\{G(s)\} = \ell$  be a transfer function matrix. Let us also denote by  $V_G$  the set of all linear combinations of the columns of  $G(s)$  with multipliers in  $\mathbb{R}(s)$ , i.e.

$$\text{if } G(s) = [\underline{g}_1(s), \dots, \underline{g}_\ell(s)], \text{ then } V_G = \text{span}_{\mathbb{R}(s)}\{\underline{g}_1(s), \dots, \underline{g}_\ell(s)\} \quad (2.15)$$

Clearly  $V_G$  is a linear vector space over  $\mathbb{R}(s)$  and  $\dim V_G = \ell$ , and it is called the rational vector space generated by  $G(s)$ .

From any rational basis  $G(s)$  of  $V_G$  we can generate a polynomial basis of  $V_G$  by means of a right MFD of  $G(s)$ , i.e. if  $G(s) = N(s)D^{-1}(s)$  with  $N(s) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times \ell}[s]$ ,  $D(s) \in \mathbb{R}^{\ell \times \ell}[s]$ ,  $\det\{D(s)\} \neq 0$ , then clearly the columns of  $N(s)$  define a polynomial basis of  $V_G$ . More precisely, if  $N(s) = [\underline{n}_1(s), \dots, \underline{n}_\ell(s)]$  then

$$\text{span}_{\mathbb{R}(s)}\{\underline{n}_1(s), \dots, \underline{n}_\ell(s)\} = V_G$$

and

(2.16)

$$\text{span}_{\mathbb{R}(s)}\{\underline{n}_1(s), \dots, \underline{n}_\ell(s)\} = M_N$$

where  $M_N$  denotes the set of all linear combinations of the columns of  $N(s)$  with multipliers in  $\mathbb{R}[s]$ . The set  $M_N$  is a free  $\mathbb{R}[s]$ -module [Bir. -1] and it is called the polynomial module generated by  $N(s)$ .  $\square$

Proposition (2.3): Let  $M_{N_1}, M_{N_2}$  be the polynomial modules generated by the polynomial matrices  $N_1(s), N_2(s) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times \ell}[s]$ , with  $\text{rank}_{\mathbb{R}(s)}\{N_1(s)\} = \text{rank}_{\mathbb{R}(s)}\{N_2(s)\} = \ell$ . If  $N_1(s) = N_2(s)Q(s)$ , where  $Q(s) \in \mathbb{R}^{\ell \times \ell}[s]$ ,  $\det\{Q(s)\} \neq 0$ , then

$$M_{N_1} \subseteq M_{N_2} \quad (2.17)$$

Proposition (2.4): Let  $N_1(s), N_2(s) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times \ell}[s]$  be two polynomial bases of the same polynomial module  $M_N$ . Then, there exists a unimodular matrix  $Q(s) \in \mathbb{R}^{\ell \times \ell}[s]$ ,  $\det\{Q(s)\} = c \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$  such that

$$N_1(s) = N_2(s)Q(s) \quad (2.18)$$

Thus unimodular matrices represent coordinate transformations of a polynomial module.

Proposition (2.5): Let  $N(s) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times \ell}[s]$  be a basis of the polynomial module  $M_N$ . Then the degree of  $N(s)$  is an invariant of  $M_N$ , or in other words if  $N_1(s) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times \ell}[s]$  is any other basis of  $M_N$  then  $\deg\{N(s)\} = \deg\{N_1(s)\}$ .  $\square$

Proposition (2.6): Let  $N_1(s), N_2(s) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times \ell}[s]$ ,  $m \geq \ell$ ,  $\text{rank}_{\mathbb{R}(s)}\{N_1(s)\} = \ell$ ,  $\text{rank}_{\mathbb{R}(s)}\{N_2(s)\} = \ell$  and let  $d_1 = \deg\{N_1(s)\}$ ,  $d_2 = \deg\{N_2(s)\}$ . If

$$N_1(s) = N_2(s)Q(s), \quad Q(s) \in \mathbb{R}^{\ell \times \ell}[s], \quad \deg\{\det Q(s)\} = q \geq 1 \quad (2.19)$$

then

$$(i) \quad d_1 = d_2 + q \quad (2.20)$$

$$(ii) \quad M_{N_1} \subseteq M_{N_2} \quad (2.21)$$

where  $M_{N_1}, M_{N_2}$  are the polynomial modules generated by the polynomial matrices  $N_1(s), N_2(s)$ , respectively.



Clearly, Eqn. (2.19) represents the extraction of a right divisor  $Q(s)$  of the polynomial matrix  $N_1(s)$ . This observation leads us to the following conclusions:

Let  $N_1(s) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times \ell}[s]$ ,  $m \geq \ell$ ,  $\text{rank}_{\mathbb{R}(s)} \{N(s)\} = \ell$  be a polynomial matrix which can be written in terms of its columns as  $N_1(s) = [\underline{n}_1^1(s), \dots, \underline{n}_\ell^1(s)]$ . Let us assume that  $N_1(s)$  is not irreducible and let

$$V = \text{span}_{\mathbb{R}(s)} \{\underline{n}_1^1(s), \dots, \underline{n}_\ell^1(s)\}, \quad M_{N_1} = \text{span}_{\mathbb{R}[s]} \{\underline{n}_1^1(s), \dots, \underline{n}_\ell^1(s)\} \quad (2.22)$$

be the rational vector space  $V$  and the polynomial module  $M_{N_1}$  spanned by its columns. Then if  $Q_i(s)$ ,  $i=1,2,\dots$  are right divisors of  $N_1(s)$ , i.e.

$$N_1(s) = N_{i+1}(s)Q_i(s), \quad i=1,2,\dots \quad (2.23)$$

and the  $\deg\{\det Q_i(s)\} = q_i \geq 1$  are such that  $q_1 \leq q_2 \leq q_3 \dots$  we will have that

$$M_{N_1} \subset M_{N_2} \subset M_{N_3} \subset \dots \quad (2.24)$$

and

$$\deg(N_1(s)) \geq \deg(N_2(s)) \geq \deg(N_3(s)) \geq \dots \quad (2.25)$$

Moreover, if  $Q_G(s)$  is a greatest right divisor of  $N_1(s)$  so that  $N_1(s) = N(s)Q_G(s)$ , then

$$M_{N_1} \subset M_N \quad \text{and} \quad \deg(N_1(s)) \geq \deg(N(s)) \quad (2.26)$$

The polynomial module  $M_N$  is the maximal submodule of the rational vector  $V$  and all its polynomial bases are least degree or irreducible polynomial matrices. In other words, if we consider the set of all polynomial vectors in  $V$  then this set coincides with the module  $M_N$  defined above.

Clearly, although the ascending chain of modules which is defined by Eqn.

(2.24) is not unique (it depends on the choice of  $Q_i(s)$ ) the maximal module

$M_N$  is uniquely defined. □

Definition (2.17) [For. -1]: A polynomial matrix  $N(s) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times \ell}[s]$ ,  $m \geq \ell$  and  $\text{rank}_{\mathbb{R}(s)}\{N(s)\} = \ell$  is said to be a minimal basis of the rational vector space  $V$  spanned by the columns of a polynomial matrix  $N_1(s) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times \ell}[s]$ ,  $m \geq \ell$ ,  $\text{rank}_{\mathbb{R}(s)}\{N_1(s)\} = \ell$ , if and only if  $N_1(s) = N(s)Q_G(s)$  where  $Q_G(s)$  is a greatest right divisor of  $N_1(s)$  and  $N(s)$  has the following properties:

- (i)  $N(s)$  is least degree;
- (ii)  $N(s)$  is column reduced.

□

Remark (2.7): Let  $N_1(s) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times \ell}[s]$ ,  $m \geq \ell$ ,  $\text{rank}_{\mathbb{R}(s)}\{N_1(s)\} = \ell$ . If  $N(s)$ ,  $N^*(s) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times \ell}[s]$  are two minimal bases of the rational vector space  $V$  spanned by the columns of  $N(s)$ , then

$$N(s) = N^*(s)Q(s) \quad (2.27)$$

where  $Q(s) \in \mathbb{R}^{\ell \times \ell}[s]$  is a unimodular matrix.

□

Remark (2.8): Let  $\underline{x}(s)$  be a polynomial vector of the rational vector space  $V$  spanned by the columns of  $N_1(s) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times \ell}[s]$ ,  $m \geq \ell$ ,  $\text{rank}_{\mathbb{R}(s)}\{N_1(s)\} = \ell$  and let  $N(s)$  be a minimal basis of  $V$ . Then  $\underline{x}(s)$  can be expressed as a polynomial combination of the columns of  $N(s)$ .

Given in general, a  $G(s) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times \ell}[s]$ ,  $m \geq \ell$ ,  $\text{rank}_{\mathbb{R}(s)}\{G(s)\} = \ell$ , then Forney - describes a way of computing a minimal basis for the rational vector space spanned by its columns (i.e.  $V_G$ ). He then shows that the column degrees  $\delta_i = \deg_{n_i}(s)$ ,  $i=1, \dots, \ell$  of a minimal basis  $N(s) = [\underline{n}_1(s), \dots, \underline{n}_\ell(s)]$  are the same (i.e. invariant) for every minimal basis of  $V_G$ , i.e.  $\delta_i$ ,  $i=1, \dots, \ell$  characterise  $V_G$ . Forney calls these degrees the "invariant dynamic indices" of  $V_G$  and their sum

$$\delta = \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \delta_i \quad (2.28)$$

the "invariant dynamic order" of  $V_G$ . Clearly, the invariant dynamical order

is the complexity of  $N(s)$  and since  $N(s)$  is a minimal basis it is equal to the degree of  $N(s)$ . We have to note that the invariant dynamical indices and the invariant dynamical order do not characterise  $V_G$  uniquely, i.e. they are not complete invariants.

□

### 2.3.. Background from Exterior Algebra [Gre. -1]

Let  $V$  be an arbitrary vector space and  $p \geq 2$  be an integer. Then a vector space  $\Lambda^p V$  together with a skew symmetric  $p$ -linear map

$$\Lambda^p : \underset{1}{xV} \rightarrow \Lambda^p V \quad (2.29)$$

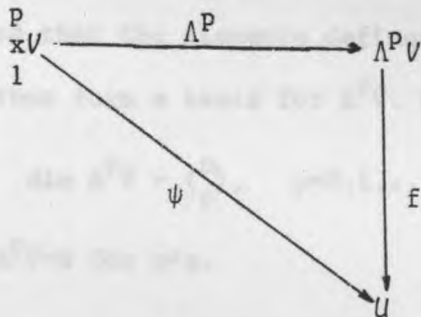
is called a  $p$ -th exterior power of  $V$  if the following conditions are satisfied:

- (i) The vectors  $\Lambda^p(\underline{x}_1, \dots, \underline{x}_p)$  generate  $\Lambda^p V$ .
- (ii) If  $\psi$  is any skew symmetric  $p$ -linear map of  $\underset{1}{xV}$  into an arbitrary vector space  $U$ , then there exists a linear map  $f: \Lambda^p V \rightarrow U$  such that  $\psi = f \circ \Lambda^p$ .

It is proved that conditions (i) and (ii) are equivalent to the following condition

- (iii) If  $\psi$  is any skew symmetric  $p$ -linear map of  $\underset{1}{xV}$  into a vector space  $U$ , then there exists a unique linear map  $f: \Lambda^p V \rightarrow U$  such that  $\psi = f \circ \Lambda^p$ .

The above conditions may be summarized by the following commutative diagram:



where:

$\Lambda^p$ :  $p$ -linear skew symmetric

$\psi$ :  $p$ -linear skew symmetric

$f$ : linear

Figure (2.1)

The elements of  $\Lambda^p V$  are called  $p$ -vectors. A  $p$ -vector of the form  $\Lambda^p(\underline{x}_1, \dots, \underline{x}_p)$  is called decomposable, and it is denoted by  $\underline{x}_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \underline{x}_p$ . Condition (i) states that  $\Lambda^p V$  is generated by its decomposable elements.

The skew symmetric property of the  $p$ -linear map  $\Lambda^p$  implies that for every permutation  $\sigma \in S_p$

$$\underline{x}_{\sigma(1)} \wedge \dots \wedge \underline{x}_{\sigma(p)} = \text{sign} \sigma \underline{x}_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \underline{x}_p \quad (2.30)$$

Now suppose that  $\underline{x}_1, \dots, \underline{x}_p$  are linearly dependent vectors. Then the skew symmetry of  $\Lambda^p$  implies that

$$\underline{x}_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \underline{x}_p = 0 \quad (2.31)$$

Conversely,  $p$  vectors which satisfy (2.31) are linearly dependent.

The results and definitions given above for general vector spaces will be specialised and discussed in more detail for the case of finite dimensional vector spaces.

Suppose that  $V$  is a vector space of dimension  $n$  over the field  $F$ . Then the  $p$ -th exterior power of  $V$ ,  $\Lambda^p V$  may always be defined;  $\Lambda^p V$  is a vector subspace of the  $p$ -th tensorial power of  $V$ . The pair  $(\Lambda^p V, \Lambda^p)$  is uniquely defined up to an isomorphism. If  $\underline{e}_i, i=1, \dots, n$  is a basis of  $V$  then the products

$$\underline{e}_{i_1} \wedge \underline{e}_{i_2} \wedge \dots \wedge \underline{e}_{i_p} \quad i_1 \leq i_2 \leq \dots \leq i_p \leq n \quad (2.32)$$

span the vector space  $\Lambda^p V$ . There are  $\binom{n}{p}$  choices of distinct indices  $i_1, \dots, i_p$  from 1 to  $n$ , and they can be arranged uniquely in increasing order. It can be proved that the elements defined above,  $\underline{e}_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge \underline{e}_{i_p}$  are linearly independent and thus form a basis for  $\Lambda^p V$ . Clearly then

$$\dim \Lambda^p V = \binom{n}{p}, \quad p=0, 1, \dots, n \quad (2.33)$$

and  $\Lambda^p V = 0$  for  $p > n$ .

An arbitrary vector of  $\Lambda^p V$  is called a  $p$ -vector and an element of the form  $\underline{x}_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \underline{x}_p$  where  $\underline{x}_1, \dots, \underline{x}_p \in V$  is called decomposable. Every  $p$ -vector  $\underline{u}$  of  $V$  can be uniquely represented in the form

$$\underline{u} = \sum_{i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_p} a_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_p} \underline{e}_{i_1} \wedge \underline{e}_{i_2} \wedge \dots \wedge \underline{e}_{i_p} \quad (2.34)$$

where the symbol  $<$  indicates that the indices  $(i_1, \dots, i_p)$  are ordered lexicographically ( $1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_p \leq n$ ). The coefficients  $a_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_p}$  are called the coordinates of the  $p$ -vector  $\underline{u}$  with respect to the basis  $\{\underline{e}_i, i=1, \dots, n\}$  of  $V$ .

### 2.3.1. Exterior powers of linear maps

Theorem (2.2) [Bir. -1]: Let  $V, U$  be finite dimensional vector spaces over a field  $F$ , and let  $h: V \rightarrow U$  be a linear map. Then, there is a unique homomorphism,  $\hat{h}: \Lambda V \rightarrow \Lambda U$  of the exterior algebras such that  $\hat{h}(\underline{x}) = h(\underline{x})$  for any  $\underline{x}$  in  $V$ . Notice that  $\hat{h}$  maps  $\Lambda^p V$  to  $\Lambda^p U$  for all  $p$ .

The homomorphism  $\hat{h}$  is a linear map. The above result simply means the following: If  $h$  is a linear map of a vector space  $V$  into a vector space  $U$  over  $F$ , then to  $(\underline{x}_1, \dots, \underline{x}_p) \in \Lambda^p V$  we may correspond the element  $h(\underline{x}_1) \wedge \dots \wedge h(\underline{x}_p)$  of  $\Lambda^p U$ . This defines an alternating multilinear map  $\psi$  of  $\Lambda^p V$  into  $\Lambda^p U$ . By the definition of the exterior product there exists a unique linear map  $\hat{h}$  of  $\Lambda^p V$  into  $\Lambda^p U$  ( $\Lambda^p U$  is a vector space) such that

$$\hat{h}(\underline{x}_1, \dots, \underline{x}_p) = h(\underline{x}_1) \wedge \dots \wedge h(\underline{x}_p) \quad (2.35)$$

identically. The following commutative diagram describes the construction procedure for  $\hat{h}$

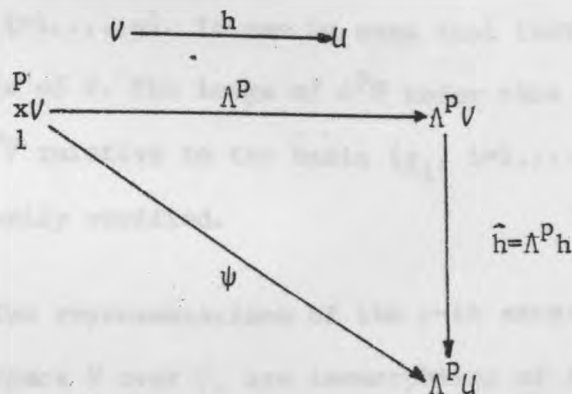


Figure (2.2)

where we write  $\Lambda^p h$  for  $\hat{h}$  and we call it the  $p$ -th exterior power of linear map  $h$ . We have



$$\Lambda^p h(\underline{x}_1, \dots, \underline{x}_p) = h(\underline{x}_1) \dots h(\underline{x}_p) \quad (2.36)$$

Eqn. (2.36) defines the linear map  $\Lambda^p h$  of  $\Lambda^p V$  into  $\Lambda^p U$ . An important property of the map  $\Lambda^p h$  are summarised below [Mar. -1].

□

Corollary (2.1): Let  $f: V \rightarrow U$  and  $g: U \rightarrow W$  be linear maps of finite dimensional vector spaces over the field  $F$ . Set  $h = g \circ f$ . Then for the maps  $\Lambda^p h$ ,  $\Lambda^p f$ ,  $\Lambda^p g$  we have

$$\Lambda^p (g \circ f) = \Lambda^p h = \Lambda^p h \circ \Lambda^p f \quad (2.37)$$

□

### 2.3.2. Representation theory of exterior powers of linear maps [Kar. -4]

#### Definitions and basic results [Ma. -1, Gre. -1]

Let  $V$  be an  $m$ -dimensional vector space over the field  $F$  and let  $\Lambda^p V$ ,  $p \leq m$  be the  $p$ -th exterior power of  $V$ . If  $\{\underline{v}_i, i=1, \dots, m\}$  is a basis of  $V$ , then  $\Lambda^p V$  is spanned by the vectors of the basis  $\{\underline{v}_\omega, \omega = (i_1, \dots, i_p), 1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_p \leq m, \underline{v}_\omega = \underline{v}_{i_1} \wedge \underline{v}_{i_2} \wedge \dots \wedge \underline{v}_{i_p}\}$ . Every vector  $\underline{v} \in \Lambda^p V$  may be written as  $\underline{v} = \sum_{\omega} a_{\omega} \underline{v}_{\omega}$ . Let  $r_V^p$  be the map of  $\Lambda^p V$  into  $F^{\binom{m}{p}}$  defined by

$$r_V^p(\underline{v}) = [\dots, a_{\omega}, \dots]^t \quad (2.38)$$

Then  $r_V^p$  is linear and it is called the representation map of  $\Lambda^p V$  associated with the basis  $\{\underline{v}_i, i=1, \dots, m\}$ . It can be seen that there is such a map associated to every basis of  $V$ . The image of  $\Lambda^p V$  under this map is called the representation of  $\Lambda^p V$  relative to the basis  $\{\underline{v}_i, i=1, \dots, m\}$  of  $V$ . The following result can be easily verified.

□

Proposition (2.7): The representations of the  $p$ -th exterior power of an  $m$ -dimensional vector space  $V$  over  $F$ , are isomorphisms of  $\Lambda^p V$  onto  $F^{\binom{m}{p}}$ .

Let  $V, U$  be two vector spaces over the field  $F$  of dimensions  $m, n$ , respectively and let  $h$  be a linear map of  $V$  into  $U$ . The linear map  $h$  can be represented with respect to the bases  $B_V = \{\underline{v}_i, i=1, \dots, m\}$  and  $B_U = \{\underline{u}_i, i=1, \dots, n\}$

of  $V$  and  $U$  by a matrix  $H_u^V$  which is defined by the following commutative diagram

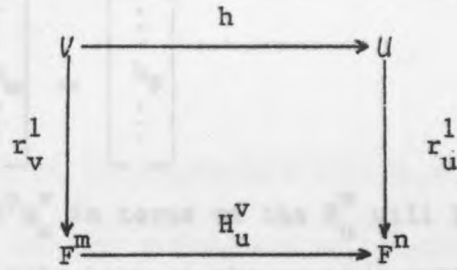


Figure (2.3)

where  $r_v^1, r_u^1$  are the representation maps of  $V$  and  $U$  onto  $F^m$  and  $F^n$  respectively. Because  $V, U$  are isomorphic to  $F^m, F^n$  respectively,  $F^m, F^n$  may be used to represent  $V, U$  and the matrix  $H_u^V$  to represent the linear map  $h$ .

Let  $\Lambda^p V, \Lambda^p U$  be the  $p$ -th exterior powers of  $V, U$  respectively, where  $p \leq \min\{m, n\}$ . Then  $h: V \rightarrow U$  implies the existence of a linear map  $\Lambda^p h$  of  $\Lambda^p V$  into  $\Lambda^p U$ . If we denote by  $r_v^p, r_u^p$  the representation maps of  $\Lambda^p V, \Lambda^p U$  with respect to the bases  $B_v = \{\underline{v}_i, i=1, \dots, m\}$  and  $B_u = \{\underline{u}_i, i=1, \dots, n\}$  of  $V, U$  respectively, then applying the representation result for linear maps, which has been discussed above, we have the following commutative diagram.

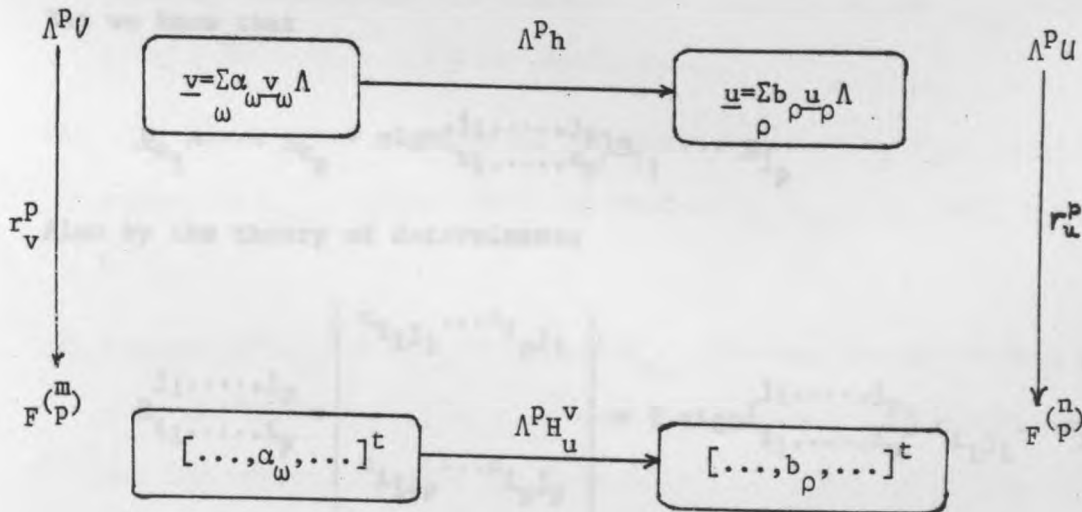


Figure (2.4)

and thus the matrix  $\Lambda^p H_u^v$  is defined by the equation

$$\Lambda^p H_u^v \begin{bmatrix} \vdots \\ a_\omega \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \vdots \\ b_p \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.39)$$

The description of  $\Lambda^p H_u^v$  in terms of the  $H_u^v$  will be defined below and that will establish the links between the present subject and the compound matrix theory.

Let  $B_v = \{v_i, i=1, \dots, m\}$ ,  $B_u = \{u_i, i=1, \dots, n\}$  be bases of  $V$  and  $U$  respectively and let  $\Lambda^p B_v = \{v_\omega = v_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge v_{i_p}, \omega = (i_1, \dots, i_p), 1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_p \leq m\}$ ,  $\Lambda^p B_u = \{u_\rho = u_{j_1} \wedge \dots \wedge u_{j_p}, \rho = (j_1, \dots, j_p), 1 \leq j_1 < \dots < j_p \leq n\}$  be the induced bases of  $\Lambda^p V$  and  $\Lambda^p U$  respectively. Let

$$h(v_i) = \sum_{j=1}^n c_{ij} u_j, \quad i=1, \dots, m, \quad H_u^v = [c_{ij}] \quad (2.40)$$

Then for all basis vectors  $v_\omega \in \Lambda^p V$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda^p h(v_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge v_{i_p}) &= h(v_{i_1}) \dots h(v_{i_p}) = \\ &= \left( \sum_{j=1}^n c_{i_1 j} u_j \right) \wedge \dots \wedge \left( \sum_{j=1}^n c_{i_p j} u_j \right) \end{aligned} \quad (2.41)$$

But we know that

$$u_{k_1} \wedge \dots \wedge u_{k_p} = \text{sign}(\begin{smallmatrix} j_1, \dots, j_p \\ k_1, \dots, k_p \end{smallmatrix}) u_{j_1} \dots u_{j_p} \quad (2.42)$$

Also by the theory of determinants

$$H_{i_1, \dots, i_p}^{j_1, \dots, j_p} = \begin{vmatrix} c_{i_1 j_1} & \dots & c_{i_p j_1} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ c_{i_1 j_p} & \dots & c_{i_p j_p} \end{vmatrix} = \sum \text{sign}(\begin{smallmatrix} j_1, \dots, j_p \\ i_1, \dots, i_p \end{smallmatrix}) c_{i_1 j_1} \dots c_{i_p j_p} \quad (2.43)$$

Hence we have

$$\Lambda^p h(v_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge v_{i_p}) = \sum_{1 \leq j_1 < \dots < j_p \leq n} H_{i_1, \dots, i_p}^{j_1, \dots, j_p} u_{j_1} \wedge \dots \wedge u_{j_p} \quad (2.44)$$

Clearly, the quantities of the Eqn. (2.43) are the entries of the matrix,  $\Lambda^p H_u^v$  which represents the linear map  $\Lambda^p h: \Lambda^p V \rightarrow \Lambda^p U$  with respect to the bases  $\Lambda^p B_v, \Lambda^p B_u$ .

□

### 2.3.3. Compound matrices and Grassman products [Mar. & Min. -1]

The results of the section 2.3.2. may be simplified by introducing some useful notation and definitions on the sequences of integers and on submatrices of a given matrix.

#### (i) Notation

(a)  $Q_{p,n}$  denotes the set of strictly increasing sequences of  $p$  integers

( $1 \leq p \leq n$ ) chosen from  $1, \dots, n$ , e.g.  $Q_{2,3} = \{(1,2), (1,3), (2,3)\}$ . Thus, the number of the sequences which belong to  $Q_{p,n}$  is  $\binom{n}{p}$ .

If  $\alpha, \beta \in Q_{p,n}$  we say that  $\alpha$  precedes  $\beta$  ( $\alpha < \beta$ ), if there exists an integer  $t$  ( $1 \leq t \leq p$ ) for which  $\alpha_1 = \beta_1, \dots, \alpha_{t-1} = \beta_{t-1}, \alpha_t < \beta_t$ , where  $\alpha_i, \beta_i$  denote the elements of  $\alpha, \beta$  respectively, e.g. in the set  $Q_{3,8}$   $(3,5,8) < (4,5,6)$ . This describes the lexicographic ordering of the elements of  $Q_{p,n}$ . The set of sequences  $Q_{p,n}$  from now on will be assumed with its sequences lexicographically ordered and the elements of the ordered set  $Q_{p,n}$  will be denoted by  $Q_{p,n}(t)$ ,  $t=1, \dots, \binom{n}{p}$  or simply by  $\omega$ .

(b) If  $c_1, \dots, c_n$  are elements of the field  $F$  and  $\omega = (i_1, i_2, \dots, i_p)$  is a sequence in  $Q_{p,n}$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq n$ , then the product  $c_{i_1} c_{i_2} \dots c_{i_p}$  will be designated by  $c_\omega$ .

(c) Suppose  $A = [a_{ij}] \in M_{m,n}(F)$ , where  $M_{m,n}$  denotes the set of  $m \times n$  matrices over the field  $F$ ; let  $k, p$  be positive integers satisfying  $1 \leq k \leq m, 1 \leq p \leq n$  and let  $\alpha = (i_1, \dots, i_k) \in Q_{k,m}$  and  $\beta = (j_1, \dots, j_p) \in Q_{p,n}$ . Then  $A[\alpha|\beta] \in M_{k,p}(F)$  denotes the submatrix of  $A$  which contains the rows  $i_1, \dots, i_k$  and the columns  $j_1, \dots, j_p$ . We use the notation  $A(\alpha|\beta)$  to designate the submatrix

of  $A$  which excludes rows  $i_1, \dots, i_k$  and includes columns  $j_1, \dots, j_p$ . The submatrices  $A[\alpha|\beta]$  and  $A(\alpha|\beta)$  can be defined similarly.  $\square$

(ii) Compound matrices

Let  $A \in M_{m,n}(F)$  and  $1 \leq p \leq \min\{m, n\}$ , then the  $p$ -th compound matrix or  $p$ -th adjugate of  $A$  is the  $\binom{m}{p} \times \binom{n}{p}$  matrix whose entries are  $\det\{A[\alpha|\beta]\}$ ,  $\alpha \in Q_{p,m}$ ,  $\beta \in Q_{p,n}$  arranged lexicographically in  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ . This matrix will be designated by  $C_p(A)$ . For example if  $A \in M_3(F)$  and  $p=2$ , then  $Q_{2,3} = \{(1,2), (1,3), (2,3)\}$  and

$$C_2(A) = \begin{bmatrix} \det\{A[(1,2)|(1,2)]\} & \det\{A[(1,2)|(1,3)]\} & \det\{A[(1,2)|(2,3)]\} \\ \det\{A[(1,3)|(1,2)]\} & \det\{A[(1,3)|(1,3)]\} & \det\{A[(1,3)|(2,3)]\} \\ \det\{A[(2,3)|(1,2)]\} & \det\{A[(2,3)|(1,3)]\} & \det\{A[(2,3)|(2,3)]\} \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.45)$$

Properties of compound matrices

(a) If  $A \in M_n(F)$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq n$  and also  $A$  is non-singular

$$(i) \quad [C_p(A)]^{-1} = C_p(A^{-1}) \quad (2.46)$$

$$(ii) \quad C_p(A) = [C_p(A)]^*, \text{ where } A^* \text{ is the conjugate transpose of } A (F=\mathbb{C}) \quad (2.47)$$

$$(iii) \quad C_p(A^t) = [C_p(A)]^t, \text{ where } A^t \text{ is the transpose of } A \quad (2.48)$$

$$(iv) \quad C_p(\bar{A}) = \overline{C_p(A)}, \text{ where } \bar{A} \text{ is the conjugate of } A (F=\mathbb{C}) \quad (2.49)$$

$$(v) \quad C_p(kA) = k^p C_p(A), \text{ for any } k \in F \quad (2.50)$$

$$(vi) \quad C_p(I_n) = I_{\binom{n}{p}} \quad (2.51)$$

$$(vii) \quad \det\{C_p(A)\} = \{\det A\}^{\binom{n-1}{p-1}} \quad \text{Sylvester-Franke Theorem} \quad (2.52)$$

(b) If  $A \in M_{m,n}(F)$  and  $B \in M_{n,k}(F)$  and  $1 \leq p \leq \min\{m, n, k\}$ , then

$$C_p(AB) = C_p(A)C_p(B) \quad \text{Binet-Cauchy Theorem} \quad (2.53)$$



(c) If  $A \in M_{p,n}(F)$  and the  $p$  rows of  $A$  are denoted by  $\underline{a}_1^{-t}, \dots, \underline{a}_p^{-t}$  in succession ( $1 \leq p \leq n$ ), then  $C_p(A)$  is an  $\binom{n}{p}$ -tuple and it is called the Grassmann product or skew symmetric product of the vectors  $\underline{a}_1^{-t}, \dots, \underline{a}_p^{-t}$  for reasons which will become apparent later on. The usual notation for this  $\binom{n}{p}$ -tuple of subdeterminants of  $A$  is  $\underline{a}_1^{-t} \wedge \dots \wedge \underline{a}_p^{-t}$  and it denotes a row vector. The Grassmann product of the columns of a matrix  $A \in M_{n,p}(F)$  ( $1 \leq p \leq n$ ) may be defined in a similar manner; the product in this case, however, will be an  $\binom{n}{p}$ -column vector. If  $\underline{a}_1, \dots, \underline{a}_p$  are the columns of  $A$ , in this case, then this  $\binom{n}{p}$ -tuple of subdeterminants of  $A$  will be denoted by  $\underline{a}_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \underline{a}_p$ . By the properties of determinants, if  $\sigma \in S_p$  (where  $S_p$  denotes the totality of permutations of  $(1, \dots, p)$ ), then

$$\underline{a}_{\sigma(1)} \wedge \dots \wedge \underline{a}_{\sigma(p)} = \text{sign} \sigma \underline{a}_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \underline{a}_p \quad (2.54)$$

If  $B \in M_n(F)$ ,  $A \in M_{n,p}(F)$ , then by the Binet-Cauchy theorem it follows that

$$C_p(B) \underline{a}_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \underline{a}_p = B \underline{a}_1 \wedge \dots \wedge B \underline{a}_p \quad (2.55)$$

Grassmann products suitably deployed may greatly reduce the complexity of the expressions in compound matrices. Thus, let  $A \in M_{m,n}(F)$  and  $1 \leq p \leq \min\{m, n\}$ . The matrix  $A$  may be written in terms of its rows or columns respectively as

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \underline{a}_1^t \\ \vdots \\ \underline{a}_m^t \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{or} \quad A = [\underline{a}_1, \dots, \underline{a}_n] \quad (2.56)$$

Let  $\omega = (i_1, \dots, i_p) \in Q_{p,m}$  and  $\phi = (j_1, \dots, j_p) \in Q_{p,n}$  and let us denote by  $\underline{a}_\omega^t$  the Grassmann product  $\underline{a}_{i_1}^t \dots \underline{a}_{i_p}^t$  and by  $\underline{a}_\phi$  the Grassmann product  $\underline{a}_{j_1} \dots \underline{a}_{j_p}$ . The  $p$ -th compound matrix of  $A$  may then be expressed in either of the following forms

$$C_p(A) = \begin{bmatrix} \vdots \\ \underline{a}_\omega^t \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}, \quad \omega \in Q_{p,m} \quad \text{or} \quad C_p(A) = [\dots, \underline{a}_\phi, \dots] \quad (2.57)$$

which will be referred to as row, columns representations of  $C_p(A)$  respectively. □

#### 2.3.4. Compound matrices and exterior algebra [Kar. -4], [Gian. -1]

We may now return to the Eqn. (2.44). We first note that the matrix  $H_u^V$  defined by (2.40) or by

$$[h(v_1), h(v_2), \dots, h(v_m)] = [\underline{u}_1, \underline{u}_2, \dots, \underline{u}_n] \begin{bmatrix} c_{11} & c_{21} & \dots & c_{m1} \\ c_{12} & c_{22} & \dots & c_{m2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ c_{1n} & c_{2n} & \dots & c_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.58)$$

is the matrix representation of  $h: V \rightarrow U$  with respect to the bases  $B_V, B_U$  of  $V, U$  respectively. Note that

$$H_{i_1 \dots i_p}^{j_1 \dots j_p}$$

is the  $p$ -th order minor of  $H_u^V$  that lies on the  $j_1, j_2, \dots, j_p$  rows and  $i_1, i_2, \dots, i_p$  columns. If we define  $\underline{h}_\omega = \underline{h}_{i_1} \wedge \underline{h}_{i_2} \wedge \dots \wedge \underline{h}_{i_p}$ , where  $\underline{h}_{i_1}, \underline{h}_{i_2}, \dots, \underline{h}_{i_p}$  are the columns of  $H_u^V$  that correspond to the indices  $(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_p) \in Q_{p,m}$ , then Eqn. (2.44) may be written as

$$\Lambda^p h(\underline{v}_\omega) = [\dots, \underline{u}_\rho, \dots] \underline{h}_\omega, \quad \rho \in Q_{p,n} \quad (2.59)$$

Given that the relationship holds for all  $\omega \in Q_{p,m}$ ,  $\{\underline{v}_\omega, \omega \in Q_{p,m}\}$  is a basis of  $\Lambda^p V$  and  $\{\underline{u}_\rho, \rho \in Q_{p,n}\}$  is a basis of  $\Lambda^p U$ , we may write

$$[\dots, \Lambda^p h(\underline{v}_\omega), \dots] = [\dots, \underline{u}_\rho, \dots] [\dots, \underline{h}_\omega, \dots] = \Lambda^p B_U \Lambda^p H_u^V = \Lambda^p B_U C_p(H_u^V) \quad (2.60)$$

where  $\Lambda^p H_u^V = C_p(H_u^V)$  is the matrix representation of  $\Lambda^p h$  with respect to the bases  $\Lambda^p B_V, \Lambda^p B_U$ , and it is defined that by the  $p$ -th compound matrix of  $H_u^V$ . These considerations lead to the following result. □

**Theorem (2.3):** Let  $V, U$  be two vector spaces over  $F$ , with  $\dim V = m$ ,  $\dim U = n$  and let  $h: V \rightarrow U$  be a linear map of  $V$  into  $U$ . Let  $B_V = \{v_i, i=1, \dots, m\}$ ,  $B_U = \{u_j, j=1, \dots, n\}$  be bases of  $V, U$  respectively and let  $H_U^V$  be the matrix representation of  $h$  with respect to the bases  $B_V, B_U$ . If  $\Lambda^p h: \Lambda^p V \rightarrow \Lambda^p U$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq \min\{m, n\}$ , is the  $p$ -th exterior power of  $h$ , then  $\Lambda^p h$  may be represented with respect to the induced bases  $\Lambda^p B_V = \{v_\omega, \omega \in Q_{p,m}\}$ ,  $\Lambda^p B_U = \{u_\rho, \rho \in Q_{p,n}\}$  of  $\Lambda^p V, \Lambda^p U$  respectively, by the matrix  $\Lambda^p H_U^V = C_p(H_U^V)$  where  $C_p(H_U^V)$  is the  $p$ -th compound matrix of  $H_U^V$ .

The above result can be represented by the following commutative diagram

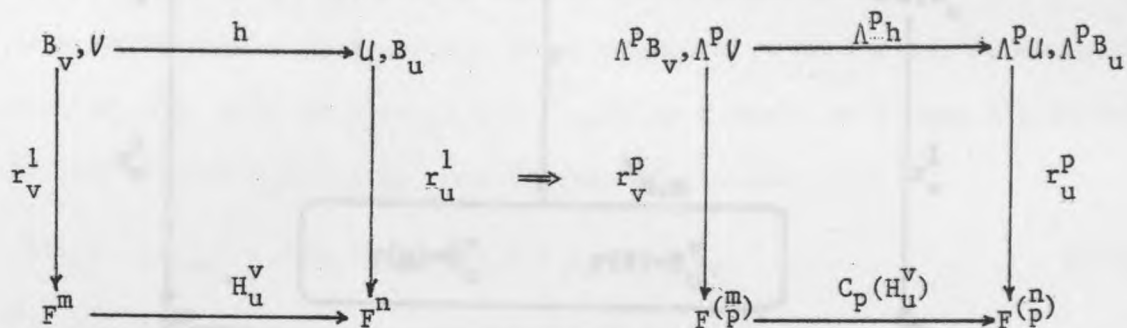


Figure (2.5)

It has been shown that the pairs of the vector spaces  $(\Lambda^p V, F^{\binom{m}{p}})$  and  $(\Lambda^p U, F^{\binom{n}{p}})$  are isomorphic. In fact, every basis  $B_V$  of  $V$  and  $B_U$  of  $U$  induces a decomposable basis for  $\Lambda^p V, \Lambda^p U$  and the corresponding representation maps  $r_V^p, r_U^p$  define isomorphisms between  $\Lambda^p V, F^{\binom{m}{p}}$  and  $\Lambda^p U, F^{\binom{n}{p}}$ . The linear map  $\Lambda^p H_U^V = C_p(H_U^V): F^{\binom{m}{p}} \rightarrow F^{\binom{n}{p}}$  is induced by the map  $H_U^V: F^m \rightarrow F^n$  and it is a representation of the linear map  $\Lambda^p h: \Lambda^p V \rightarrow \Lambda^p U$ . Thus, it is clear that, as any pair of vector spaces  $V, U$  of finite dimension and their linear map  $h$  can be discussed by means of  $m$ -tuples,  $n$ -tuples and matrices, their  $p$ -th exterior powers  $\Lambda^p V, \Lambda^p U$  and their linear map  $\Lambda^p h$  may be discussed in terms of  $\binom{m}{p}$ -tuples,  $\binom{n}{p}$ -tuples and compound matrices.

Let  $L(V, U)$  be the vector space of linear maps of the  $m$ -dimensional vector space  $V$  into the  $n$ -dimensional vector space  $U$ , both spaces being defined

over the field  $F$ . Let  $M_{n,m}$  be the set of  $n \times m$  matrices over  $F$ ; then each matrix representation of an element of  $L(V, U)$  is an element of  $M_{n,m}$ . It is known that the map which is defined by matrix representation is an isomorphism of  $L(V, U)$  onto  $M_{n,m}$  [Bir. -1]. In diagrammatic terms we may represent the above discussion as follows.

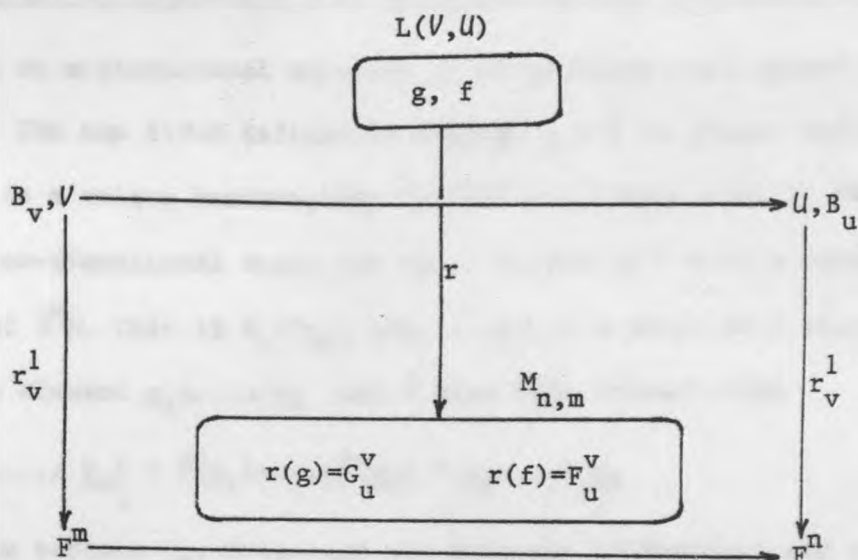


Figure (2.6)

Proposition (2.8) [Kar. -4]: Let  $V, U$  be two vector spaces over the field  $F$ ,  $\dim V = m$ ,  $\dim U = n$  and let  $B_v, B_u$  be bases of  $V, U$  respectively.

- (i) The set  $L_p(\Lambda^p V, \Lambda^p U)$  of linear maps of  $\Lambda^p V$  into  $\Lambda^p U$  is a vector space.
- (ii) The map  $r_p$  that associates every map  $\Lambda^p h$  with its matrix representation

$C_p(H_u^V)$  is an isomorphism of  $L_p(\Lambda^p V, \Lambda^p U)$  onto the set of matrices  $M_{\binom{n}{p}, \binom{m}{p}}$ .

In diagrammatic terms we may represent this result as follows:

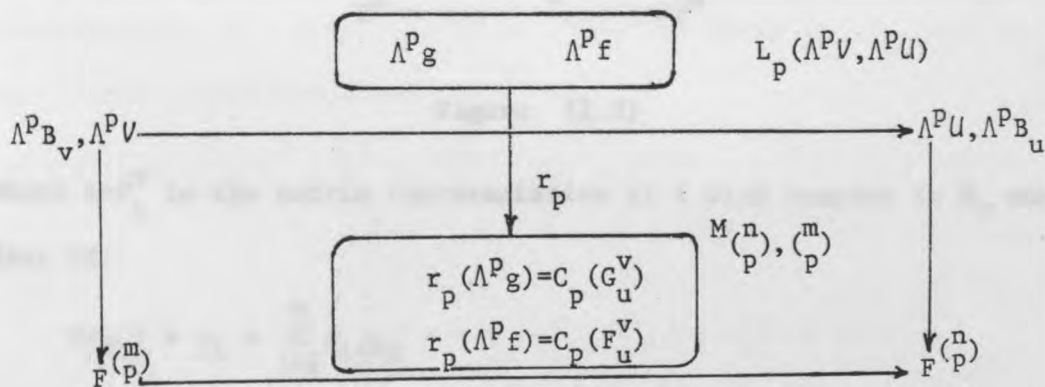


Figure (2.7)

Using the above results, it can be readily shown [Kar. -4] that the Binet-Cauchy Theorem, in its compound matrix form expressed the composition law of the exterior powers of linear maps, when matrix representations are considered.  $\square$

### 2.3.5. Plücker coordinates and decomposability [Mar. -1],[Gre. -1],[Hod. & Bed. -1]

Let  $V$  be an  $m$ -dimensional subspace of an  $n$ -dimensional vector space  $U$  over a field  $F$ . The map  $f: V \rightarrow U$  defined by  $f(\underline{x}) = \underline{x}$ ,  $\underline{x} \in V$  is linear and by theorem 2.2 there is a unique homomorphism  $\hat{f}: \Lambda V \rightarrow \Lambda U$  associated with  $f$ . Since  $\dim V = m$ ,  $\Lambda^m V$  is a one-dimensional space and it is mapped by  $\hat{f}$  onto a one-dimensional subspace of  $\Lambda^m U$ . This if  $B_V = \{\underline{v}_i, i=1, \dots, m\}$  is a basis of  $V$  then  $\Lambda^m V$  is spanned by the element  $\underline{v}_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \underline{v}_m$  and  $\hat{f}$  maps this element onto

$$\hat{f}(\underline{v}_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \underline{v}_m) = \hat{f}(\underline{v}_1) \wedge \dots \wedge \hat{f}(\underline{v}_m) = \underline{v}_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \underline{v}_m \quad (2.61)$$

in  $\Lambda^m U$ . The vectors  $\underline{v}_i, i=1, \dots, m$  are linearly independent and so  $\underline{v}_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \underline{v}_m$  is a non-zero element of  $\Lambda^m U$ . In fact the injection map  $f: V \rightarrow U$  defined by  $f(\underline{x}) = \underline{x}$ ,  $\underline{x} \in V$  induces an injection map  $\Lambda^m f: \Lambda^m V \rightarrow \Lambda^m U$  defined by  $\Lambda^m f(\underline{x} \wedge) = \underline{x} \wedge$ ,  $\underline{x} \wedge \in \Lambda^m V$ . The vector  $\underline{v}_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \underline{v}_m$  spans a one-dimensional subspace of  $\Lambda^m U$  which depends only on  $V$ . Now let  $B_U = \{\underline{u}_j, j=1, \dots, n\}$  be a basis of  $U$ , then using matrix representations we have the following commutative diagram

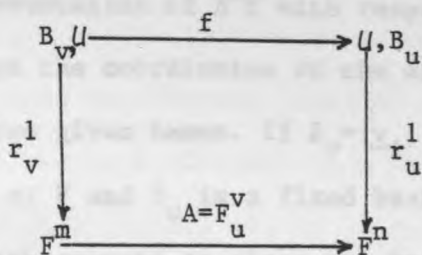


Figure (2.8)

where  $A = F_u^V$  is the matrix representation of  $f$  with respect to  $B_V$  and  $B_U$ . In fact if

$$f(\underline{v}_i) = \underline{v}_i = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} \underline{u}_j \quad (2.62)$$



The column span of  $A$  is a subspace of  $F^n$  and it is the representation of  $f(V)$  with respect to the bases  $B_u, B_v$ . The representation of  $\underline{v}_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \underline{v}_m$  with respect to the bases  $\Lambda^m B_u, \Lambda^m B_v$  is defined by the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \Lambda^m B_v, \Lambda^m V & \xrightarrow{\Lambda^m f} & \Lambda^m U, \Lambda^m B_u \\
 \downarrow r_v^m & & \downarrow r_u^m \\
 F = F^{(m)} & \xrightarrow{C_m(F_u^V) = C_m(A)} & F^{(n)}
 \end{array}$$

Figure (2.9)

Thus

$$\underline{v}_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \underline{v}_m = \sum a_{\omega} \underline{u}_{\omega} \wedge = [\dots, \underline{u}_{\omega} \wedge, \dots] \begin{bmatrix} \vdots \\ a_{\omega} \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}, \quad \omega = (i_1, \dots, i_m) \in Q_{m,m} \quad (2.63)$$

and hence the matrix

$$C_m(A) = C_m(F_u^V) = \underline{a}_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \underline{a}_m = \begin{bmatrix} \vdots \\ a_{\omega} \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{(n)} \times 1 \quad (2.64)$$

is the "matrix" representation of  $\Lambda^m f$  with respect to  $\Lambda^m B_u, \Lambda^m B_v$ . The  $\binom{n}{m}$ -tuple  $(\dots, a_{\omega}, \dots)$  are the coordinates of the one-dimensional subspace  $\Lambda^m f(\Lambda^m V)$  with respect to the two given bases. If  $B_v = \{\underline{v}_i, i=1, \dots, m\}$  and  $B_{v'} = \{\underline{v}'_i, i=1, \dots, m\}$  are two bases of  $V$  and  $B_u$  is a fixed basis of  $U$ , then the matrix representations of  $f$  with respect to those two bases  $B_v, B_{v'}$  are related by the coordinate transformation  $Q_v^V$ ,

$$F_u^{V'} = F_u^V Q_v^V, \quad F_u^{V'}, F_u^V \in F^{n \times m}, \quad Q_v^V \in F^{m \times m} \quad (2.65)$$

and thus

$$C_m(F_u^{V'}) = C_m(F_u^V) C_m(Q_v^V) = C_m(F_u^V) q, \quad q = \det\{Q_v^V\} \in F - \{0\} \quad (2.66)$$

The two vectors  $\underline{t} = \underline{v}_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \underline{v}_m$ ,  $\underline{t}' = \underline{v}'_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \underline{v}'_m$  are related by

$$\underline{t}' = [\dots, \underline{u}_\omega \wedge, \dots] \begin{bmatrix} \vdots \\ a'_\omega \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} = [\dots, \underline{u}_\omega \wedge, \dots] \begin{bmatrix} \vdots \\ a_\omega \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} \quad q = q\underline{t} \quad (2.67)$$

or

$$a'_\omega = q a_\omega \quad \omega \in Q_{m,n} \quad (2.68)$$

□

**Definition (2.18):** The scalars  $a$  of Eqn. (2.64) are called Plücker coordinates of the subspace  $V$  relative to the bases  $B_V$  of  $V$  and  $B_U$  of  $U$ .

Eqn. (2.68) shows that any two sets of Plücker coordinates of  $V$ , which correspond to two different bases of  $V$ , with respect to the fixed basis  $B_U$  of  $U$  differ by a non-zero scalar factor. Hence the ratios of  $a'_\omega$ 's are the same as the corresponding ratios of  $a_\omega$ 's ( $a_{\omega_1} = qa'_{\omega_1}$ ,  $a_{\omega_2} = qa'_{\omega_2}$  and so  $a_{\omega_1} | a_{\omega_2} = a'_{\omega_1} | a'_{\omega_2}$ ). Therefore, the ratios are uniquely determined by  $V$ . Sometimes, the ratios of the  $a_\omega$ , rather than the  $a_\omega$  themselves, are called the Plücker coordinates of  $V$ .

Consider now the vector space  $F^{p+1}$  of  $(p+1)$ -tuples  $\underline{x} = (x_0, x_1, \dots, x_p)$ ,  $x_i \in F$ . Let us call two such vectors  $\underline{x}$  and  $\underline{y}$  equivalent if they are both non-zero and if  $\underline{x} = q\underline{y}$  for some  $q \in F - \{0\}$ . This equivalence relation splits the non-zero vectors in  $F^{p+1}$  into equivalence classes, and clearly each equivalence class consists of all non-zero elements in a one-dimensional subspace of  $F^{p+1}$ . Thus the equivalence classes are in one-to-one correspondence with the lines through the origin of  $F^{p+1}$ .

□

**Definition (2.19):** The set of all equivalence classes of non-zero vectors in  $F^{p+1}$  as defined above, is called the projective space of dimension  $p$  over  $F$ , denoted by  $\mathbb{P}^p(F)$ . Each equivalence class defines a point of this projective

space. If  $Q$  is any point in  $\mathbb{R}^P(F)$  and if  $\underline{x}=(x_0, \dots, x_p)$  is any vector of the equivalence class which defines  $Q$ , then the  $x_i$ 's are called homogeneous coordinates of  $Q$ .

If we set  $p=\binom{n}{m}-1=\dim \Lambda^m U-1$ , then we can easily see that the Plücker coordinates of  $V$ , enumerated in lexicographic order, may be considered as the homogeneous coordinates of a point in  $\mathbb{R}^P(F)$ . However, every point in  $\mathbb{R}^P(F)$  does not represent an  $m$ -dimensional subspace of  $U$ . Elements of  $\Lambda^m U$  of the type  $q\underline{v}_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \underline{v}_m$  where  $\underline{v}_1, \dots, \underline{v}_m$  are linearly independent vectors of  $V$  and  $q \in F-\{0\}$  are called simple or decomposable  $m$ -vectors. Decomposable multivectors uniquely define  $m$ -dimensional subspaces of  $U$  as it is shown below.  $\square$

Proposition (2.9): Let  $U$  be an  $n$ -dimensional vector space over  $F$  and let  $\underline{y} = \underline{y}_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \underline{y}_m$ ,  $\underline{z} = \underline{z}_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \underline{z}_m$  be two decomposable non-zero elements of  $\Lambda^m U$  and let us denote by  $V_y = \text{span}\{\underline{y}_1, \dots, \underline{y}_m\}$  and  $V_z = \text{span}\{\underline{z}_1, \dots, \underline{z}_m\}$  the subspaces of  $U$  defined by  $\underline{y}$  and  $\underline{z}$  respectively. Necessary and sufficient condition for  $V_y = V_z$  is

$$\underline{y} = \underline{y}_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \underline{y}_m = q\underline{z}_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \underline{z}_m = q\underline{z}, \quad q \in F-\{0\} \quad (2.69)$$

Definition (2.20): Let  $U$  be a vector space over a field  $F$  with  $\dim U=n$ . The Grassmannian  $G(m, U)$  is defined as the set of  $m$ -dimensional subspaces  $V$  of  $U$ ;  $G(m, U)$  actually admits the structure of an analytic manifold which is known as the Grassmann manifold.  $\square$

It is clear that the mapping  $f: G(m, U) \rightarrow G(1, \Lambda^m U)$  expresses a natural injective correspondence between  $G(m, U)$  and the set of one-dimensional subspaces of  $\Lambda^m U$  (i.e.  $G(1, \Lambda^m U)$ ).  $\square$

Example (2.1): To demonstrate that every vector of  $\Lambda^m U$  does not define an  $m$ -dimensional subspace  $V$  of  $U$ , we consider the simple case of  $\dim U=n=4$ ,  $\dim V=m=2$ . Let  $B_v = \{\underline{v}_1, \underline{v}_2\}$  be a basis of  $V$ . Then, as it is well known, we can

extend  $B_V$  to  $B_U = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4\}$  which is a basis of  $U$ . Thus the induced basis of  $\Lambda^2 U$  is  $\Lambda^2 B_U = \{v_1 \wedge v_2, v_1 \wedge v_3, v_1 \wedge v_4, v_2 \wedge v_3, v_2 \wedge v_4, v_3 \wedge v_4\}$  and so

$$v = v_1 \wedge v_2 = \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq 4} c_{ij} v_i \wedge v_j \quad (2.70)$$

where  $c_{ij}$ ,  $1 \leq i < j \leq 4$  is a set of Plücker coordinates of  $V$ . It can be shown that  $v$  is decomposable [Mar. -1] if and only if

$$c_{12}c_{34} - c_{13}c_{24} + c_{14}c_{23} = 0 \quad (2.71)$$

Clearly, the above condition is a necessary condition for the general 6-tuple  $(c_{12}, c_{13}, c_{14}, c_{23}, c_{24}, c_{34})$  to be the Plücker coordinates of a 2-dimensional subspace  $V$ , or in other words to be the coordinates of a decomposable vector. This condition may also be proved sufficient.

Such a condition is known as a Quadratic Plücker Relationship. This Quadratic Plücker Relationship defines a hypersurface in the 5-dimensional projective space  $\mathbb{P}^5(F)$ , which is known as the Grassmann variety of this projective space.

In general, those points of  $\mathbb{P}^p(F)$ ,  $p = \binom{n}{m} - 1$  which correspond to  $m$ -dimensional subspaces  $V$  of the  $n$ -dimensional vector space  $U$  must satisfy a set of quadratic relationships of the type (2.71). It will be seen that this set of relationship defines an algebraic variety of the projective space  $\mathbb{P}^p(F)$  which is known as the Grassmann variety of  $\mathbb{P}^p(F)$ .

By associating to every  $V \in G(m, U)$  its Plücker coordinates  $(\dots, a_\omega, \dots)$ ,  $\omega \in Q_{m,n}$  the map  $g: G(m, U) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^p(F)$  is defined, and this is known as the Plücker embedding of  $G(m, U)$  in the projective space  $\mathbb{P}^p(F)$ . The Plücker image of  $G(m, U)$  in  $\mathbb{P}^p(F)$  the above defined Grassmann variety of  $\mathbb{P}^p(F)$  [Hod. -1].

Finally if  $V$  is any  $m$ -dimensional subspace of the  $n$ -dimensional vector space  $U$ , then any non-zero decomposable multivector  $v_1 \wedge \dots \wedge v_m$  with  $v_i \in V$ ,  $i=1, 2, \dots, m$  is called a Grassmann representative of  $V$ . We have already seen that



all the Grassmann representatives differ only by non-zero scalar factors so that we shall denote any one of them simply by  $\underline{g}(V)$ . □

## 2.4. Segre characteristic of $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , Ferrer's diagram, Jordan form [Tur. & Ait. -1]

### 2.4.1. Generalized Nullspace and Range of an operator

Let  $T: V \rightarrow V$  be a linear operator on an  $n$ -dimensional vector space  $V$  and let  $A$  the  $n \times n$  matrix representation of  $T$ .

If we define:  $N_i = N_r(T^i)$ ,  $i=1,2,\dots$  then this sequence of subspaces is non-decreasing, because  $N_i \subseteq N_{i+1}$ ,  $\forall i \in \mathbb{N}$  and because  $V$  is finite dimensional there exist the supremal element, i.e.,  $\exists q \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $N_q = N_{q+1} = \dots$

Definition (2.21) [Dorny -1]: The Generalized Nullspace  $N_g(T) \triangleq N_q$  of  $T$  is the largest subspace of  $V$  annihilated by powers of  $T$ , i.e.

$$N_g(T) \triangleq N_q = N_r(T^q) \quad (2.72)$$

The power  $q$  of  $T$  required for maximum annihilation is called the index of annihilation of  $T$ .

The generalised range  $R_g(T)$  of the operator  $T$  is defined by:

$$R_g(T) \triangleq \text{range}(T^q) = R(T^q) \quad (2.73)$$

then both  $N_g(T)$  and  $R_g(T)$  are  $T$ -invariant subspaces and  $V = N_g(T) \oplus R_g(T)$  □

### 2.4.2. Generalised Eigenspaces

Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix with the characteristic polynomial,  $\Phi(\lambda) = \det(\lambda I_n - A) = (\lambda - \lambda_1)^{\tau_1} (\lambda - \lambda_2)^{\tau_2} \dots (\lambda - \lambda_\rho)^{\tau_\rho}$ , where  $\lambda_i \neq \lambda_j$  and  $\tau_1 + \tau_2 + \dots + \tau_\rho = n$ .

$$\text{Define, } u_i \triangleq N_g(A - \lambda_i I) = N_r\{(A - \lambda_i I)^{q_i}\} \triangleq N_g(A, \lambda_i) \quad (2.74)$$

where  $q_i$  is the index of annihilation of  $A - \lambda_i I$ , then  $u_i$  will be called the generalised eigenspace of  $A$  at  $\lambda_i$  and of course is the largest subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  (or  $\mathbb{C}^n$ ) annihilated by powers of  $A - \lambda_i I$ .



### Properties of generalised eigenspaces

- (i)  $N_g(A, \lambda_i) \neq 0$  iff  $\lambda_i \in \sigma(A)$
- (ii) If  $U_i = N_g(A, \lambda_i)$ ,  $\lambda_i \in \sigma(A)$ , then  $\dim U_i = \tau_i = \text{algebraic multiplicity of } \lambda_i$ .
- (iii)  $\{U_i = N_g(A, \lambda_i), \lambda_i \in \sigma(A), i=1, \dots, \rho\}$  are linearly independent  $\Leftrightarrow U_i \cap (\sum_{j, j \neq i} U_j) = \{0\}$  and  $\mathbb{R}^n$  (or  $\mathbb{C}^n$ )  $= \bigoplus_{i=1}^{\rho} U_i$ .

□

### 2.4.3. Generalised Eigenvectors and chains of Generalised Eigenvectors

Definition (2.22):  $\underline{u}_k$  is called a generalised eigenvector of  $A$  of rank  $k$  for  $\lambda_i$  iff  $(A - \lambda_i I)^k \underline{u}_k = 0$  and  $(A - \lambda_i I)^{k-1} \underline{u}_k \neq 0$ .

Thus eigenvectors of  $A$  for  $\lambda_i$  are generalised eigenvectors of  $A$  for  $\lambda_i$  of rank 1.

Theorem (2.4): Let  $U_i = N_g(A - \lambda_i I)$ ,  $\lambda_i \in \sigma(A)$ , then generalised eigenvectors of  $A$  corresponding to  $\lambda_i$  but of differing ranks are linearly independent.

□

Theorem (2.5): Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $\lambda_i \in \sigma(A)$  and  $U_i = N_g(A - \lambda_i I)$ . if  $\underline{u}_k$  is a generalised eigenvector of  $A$  for  $\lambda_i$ , of rank  $k$ ,  $k > 1$  then  $(A - \lambda_i I) \underline{u}_k$  is a generalised eigenvector of  $A$  for  $\lambda_i$  and of rank  $k-1$ .

□

Hence a generalised eigenvector  $\underline{u}_k$  of rank  $k$ ,  $k > 1$  for  $\lambda_i$  can be used to generate a chain of  $k$  linearly independent generalised eigenvectors of ranks  $k, k-1, \dots, 1$ . They are the vectors

$$\underline{u}_k, (A - \lambda_i I) \underline{u}_k, (A - \lambda_i I)^2 \underline{u}_k, \dots, (A - \lambda_i I)^{k-1} \underline{u}_k \quad (2.74)$$

The final vector in the chain, namely  $(A - \lambda_i I)^{k-1} \underline{u}_k$  will be an eigenvector since it is a non zero vector that satisfies the identity

$$(A - \lambda_i I) (A - \lambda_i I)^{k-1} \underline{u}_k = 0$$

A chain is said to be a maximal chain if its elements cannot be considered a proper subset of another chain.

Maximal chains must exist since the vectors that make up a chain are linearly independent and the generalised eigenspace in which they lie is of finite dimension.

Note that the index of annihilation  $q_i$  is the largest rank of any generalised eigenvector in  $U_i$ , also there may be more than one maximal chains in  $U_i$  consisting of  $q_i$  vectors and there may be maximal chains in  $U_i$  consisting of fewer than  $q_i$  vectors.

It can be seen that if  $q_i$  is the index of annihilation then  $U_i$  is kernel of  $(A - \lambda_i I)^{q_i}$  (Every element of this kernel is a generalised eigenvector corresponding to  $\lambda_i$  and every generalised eigenvector is an element of this kernel).

Theorem (2.6): Assume  $\underline{u}_k^\alpha, \underline{u}_\ell^\beta$  generalised eigenvectors of  $A$  for  $\lambda$  of ranks  $k, \ell$  and the corresponding chains

$$C_k^\alpha = \{\underline{u}_1^\alpha : \underline{u}_1^\alpha = (A - \lambda I)^{k-i} \underline{u}_k^\alpha, \quad i=1,2,\dots,k\} \quad (2.75)$$

$$C_\ell^\beta = \{\underline{u}_j^\beta : \underline{u}_j^\beta = (A - \lambda I)^{\ell-j} \underline{u}_\ell^\beta, \quad j=1,2,\dots,\ell\} \quad (2.76)$$

If  $\underline{u}_1^\alpha, \underline{u}_1^\beta$ , the true eigenvectors are linearly independent, then  $C_k^\alpha, C_\ell^\beta$  are linearly independent.

□

Note, that the number of independent chains  $d$  of  $U_i$  is  $d = n - \text{rank}(A - \lambda_i I) =$  number of independent eigenvectors.

In order to find the number of elements in each of the independent chains we can use the Weyr characteristic and the Ferrer's diagram [Tur. & Ait. -1].

Let  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $\varphi(\lambda) = |\lambda I - A| = (\lambda - \lambda_1)^{r_1} \dots (\lambda - \lambda_i)^{r_i} \dots (\lambda - \lambda_p)^{r_p}$ . For  $\lambda = \lambda_i$  compute:

$r_i^k = \text{rank}(A - \lambda_i I)^k$ ,  $k=0,1,2,\dots,q_i$ , where  $q_i$ =index of annihilation of  $A - \lambda_i I$ .

Note that  $r_i^0 = n$ ,  $r_i^0 - r_i^1 = d$ =geometric multiplicity of  $\lambda_i$ .

We define as Weyr characteristic the following set

$$\{r_i^0 - r_i^1, r_i^1 - r_i^2, \dots, r_i^{q_i-1} - r_i^{q_i}\} \triangleq \omega \quad (2.77)$$

By using the Weyr characteristic we can construct the following Ferrer's diagram. In each row of this diagram we put as many asterisks as the numbers  $r_i^0 - r_i^1, r_i^1 - r_i^2, \dots$  as indicated bellow:

$$\begin{array}{l} r_i^0 - r_i^1 \rightarrow * * \dots * * \\ r_i^1 - r_i^2 \rightarrow * * \dots * \\ \vdots \\ r_i^{q_i-1} - r_i^{q_i} \rightarrow * * \dots \end{array} \quad (2.78)$$

$\begin{array}{cc} \uparrow & \uparrow \\ \theta_1 & \theta_2 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{cc} \uparrow & \uparrow \\ \theta_{d-1} & \theta_d \end{array}$

The set  $\{\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_{d-1}, \theta_d\} \triangleq J$  which is the set of numbers of asterisks in the columns of the Ferrer's diagram is the Segré characteristic.

The Segré characteristic  $\{\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_d\}$  defines the dimensions of each of the  $d$  independent chains.

#### 2.4.4. Jordan canonical form

Let  $T \in L(\mathbb{C}^n)$ . Then [Hir. & Smale -1] there are unique operators  $S, N$  on  $\mathbb{C}^n$  such that  $T = S + N$ , where  $SN = NS$  and  $S$  is diagonalizable (semisimple) and  $N$  is nilpotent. In the case where  $\sigma(T) = \{\lambda\}$  we have  $S = \lambda I$  and hence  $T = \lambda I + N$ .

We start with an operator  $T \in L(\mathbb{C}^n)$  that has only one eigenvalue  $\lambda$ , ( $\sigma(T) = \{\lambda\}$ ); in that case  $T = \lambda I + N$  with  $N$  nilpotent. Also there is a basis

$B = \{\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_n\}$  that gives  $N$  a matrix representation in nilpotent canonical

form  $A$ . That means that  $A$  is composed of diagonal blocks, each of which is an elementary nilpotent matrix  $H_{k_i}$ ,  $i=\rho$ . So, we have:

$$[T]_B = \lambda I_n + A = \text{block diag.} \{ \lambda I_{k_1} + H_{k_1}, \dots, \lambda I_{k_\rho} + H_{k_\rho} \} \quad (2.79)$$

The blocks making up  $\lambda I_n + A$  are called elementary Jordan matrices, or elementary  $\lambda$ -block. A matrix of the form (2.79) is called a Jordan matrix belonging to  $\lambda$ , or briefly, a Jordan  $\lambda$ -block.

Consider next an operator  $T: \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$  whose distinct eigenvalues are  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_m$ ; Then  $\mathbb{C}^n = \bigoplus_{i=1}^m U_i$ , where  $U_i = N_g(T, \lambda_i)$  is the generalised  $\lambda_k$ -eigenspace,  $k=1, 2, \dots, m$ . We know that  $T|_{U_k} = \lambda_k I + N_k$ ,  $k=1, 2, \dots, m$  with  $N_k$  nilpotent. We give  $U_k$  a basis  $B_k$  which gives  $T|_{U_k}$  a Jordan matrix belonging to  $\lambda_k$ . The basis  $B = \bigcup_{i=1}^k B_i$  of  $\mathbb{C}^n$  gives  $T$  a matrix representation of the form:

$$[T]_B = C = \text{diag.} \{ C_1, C_2, \dots, C_m \} \quad (2.80)$$

where each  $C_k$  is a Jordan matrix belonging to  $\lambda_k$ . Thus  $C$  is composed of diagonal blocks, each of which is an elementary Jordan matrix  $C_i$ . The matrix  $C$  is called the Jordan form of  $T$ .

It is easy to prove that similar operators have the same Jordan forms (perhaps with rearranged  $\lambda$ -blocks). For if  $P T_0 P^{-1} = T_1$ , then  $P$  maps each generalised  $\lambda$ -eigenspace of  $T_0$  isomorphically onto the generalised  $\lambda$ -eigenspace of  $T_1$ ; hence the Jordan  $\lambda$ -blocks are the same for  $T_0$  and  $T_1$ .

Note that the Jordan canonical form may be constructed from the set of Segre characteristics which correspond to all distinct eigenvalues. In fact, every number,  $k$ , in the Segre characteristic  $S(\lambda)$  of the eigenvalue  $\lambda$  defines a  $k \times k$  elementary Jordan matrix that corresponds to the eigenvalue  $\lambda$ .

## 2.5. Matrix pencils

Let  $(F, G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  and  $(s, \hat{s})$  be a pair of indeterminates. The polynomial matrix  $sF - \hat{s}G \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}[s, \hat{s}]$  is defined as the homogeneous matrix pencil



of the pair  $(F, G)$ . Clearly,  $sF - \hat{s}G$  is a matrix over the ring  $\mathbb{R}[s, \hat{s}]$  (polynomials in  $(s, \hat{s})$  with coefficients from  $\mathbb{R}$ ), but it may be also viewed as a matrix over the rings  $\mathbb{R}(s)[\hat{s}]$ , or  $\mathbb{R}(\hat{s})[s]$ . On the set  $L_{m,n}(s, \hat{s})$  we may define the following notions of equivalence.

**Definition (2.23):** Let  $sF - \hat{s}G, sF' - \hat{s}G' \in L_{m,n}(s, \hat{s})$  and let  $R(s, \hat{s}) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}(s, \hat{s})$ ,  $Q(s, \hat{s}) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}(s, \hat{s})$ ,  $|R(s, \hat{s})| = c_1(s, \hat{s}) \neq 0$ ,  $|Q(s, \hat{s})| = c_2(s, \hat{s}) \neq 0$  for which

$$R(s, \hat{s})\{sF - \hat{s}G\}Q(s, \hat{s}) = sF' - \hat{s}G' \quad (2.81)$$

- (i) If  $R(s, \hat{s}), Q(s, \hat{s})$  are defined over  $\mathbb{R}(\hat{s})[s]$  ( $\mathbb{R}(s)[\hat{s}]$ ) and  $c_1(s, \hat{s}), c_2(s, \hat{s}) \in \mathbb{R}(\hat{s}) - \{0\}$  ( $\mathbb{R}(s) - \{0\}$ ), then  $sF - \hat{s}G, sF' - \hat{s}G'$  are said to be  $\mathbb{R}(\hat{s})[s]$ -equivalent ( $\mathbb{R}(s)[\hat{s}]$ -equivalent) and shall be denoted by  $(sF - \hat{s}G)E_{\mathbb{R}(\hat{s})[s]}(sF' - \hat{s}G')$  ( $(sF - \hat{s}G)E_{\mathbb{R}(s)[\hat{s}]}(sF' - \hat{s}G')$ ).
- (ii) If  $R(s, \hat{s}), Q(s, \hat{s})$  are defined over  $\mathbb{R}[s, \hat{s}]$  and  $c_1(s, \hat{s}), c_2(s, \hat{s}) \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$  then  $sF - \hat{s}G, sF' - \hat{s}G'$  are said to be  $\mathbb{R}[s, \hat{s}]$ -equivalent and shall be denoted by  $(sF - \hat{s}G)E_{\mathbb{R}[s, \hat{s}]}(sF' - \hat{s}G')$ .
- (iii) If  $R(s, \hat{s}), Q(s, \hat{s})$  are defined over  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$ , then  $sF - \hat{s}G, sF' - \hat{s}G'$  are called strict equivalent [Gan. -1] and shall be denoted by  $(sF - \hat{s}G)E_s(sF' - \hat{s}G')$ .

□

It is readily shown that the above relations are equivalence relations.

The symbols  $E_{\mathbb{R}(\hat{s})[s]}$ ,  $E_{\mathbb{R}(s)[\hat{s}]}$ ,  $E_{\mathbb{R}[s, \hat{s}]}$  and  $E_s$  will be used for these equivalence relations.

**Definition (2.24):** The Smith form over  $\mathbb{R}[s, \hat{s}]$  of the pencil  $sF - \hat{s}G \in L_{m,n}(s, \hat{s})$  is defined as the matrix

$$S(s, \hat{s}) = \begin{bmatrix} S^*(s, \hat{s}) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \updownarrow \rho \\ \updownarrow m-\rho \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \leftarrow \rho \\ \leftarrow n-\rho \end{array} \quad (2.82a)$$



where  $\rho = \text{rank}_{\mathbb{R}(s, \hat{s})} \{sF - \hat{s}G\}$  and  $S^*(s, \hat{s}) = \text{diag.}\{f_i(s, \hat{s}), i \in \rho\} \in \mathbb{R}^{\rho \times \rho}[s, \hat{s}]$ ; the  $f_i(s, \hat{s})$  are the invariant polynomials over  $\mathbb{R}[s, \hat{s}]$  of  $sF - \hat{s}G$ . If  $\{d_i(s, \hat{s}), i=0, 1, \dots, \rho, d_0(s, \hat{s})=1\}$  is the set of determinantal divisors of  $sF - \hat{s}G$  ( $d_i(s, \hat{s})$  is the g.c.d. of all minors of order  $i$ ), then the invariant polynomials  $f_i(s, \hat{s})$  may be defined by the standard Smith algorithm [Tur. & Ait. -1] as follows:

$$f_i(s, \hat{s}) = d_i(s, \hat{s})/d_{i-1}(s, \hat{s}), i=1, \dots, \rho, \quad d_0(s, \hat{s})=1 \quad (2.82b)$$

The polynomials  $f_i(s, \hat{s})$  are monic over  $\mathbb{R}[s, \hat{s}]$  and it can be shown that  $f_i(s, \hat{s})$  divides  $f_{i+1}(s, \hat{s})$  ( $f_i(s, \hat{s})/f_{i+1}(s, \hat{s})$ ) for  $\forall i \leq \rho-1$ . □

The Smith form  $S^{\hat{s}}(s, \hat{s})$  over  $\mathbb{R}(s)[\hat{s}]$  (Smith form  $S^s(s, \hat{s})$  over  $\mathbb{R}(s)[\hat{s}]$ ) of  $sF - \hat{s}G$  has the same form as  $S(s, \hat{s})$  in (2.82a) except that the invariant polynomials are defined in terms of the determinantal divisors which are monic over  $\mathbb{R}(\hat{s})[s]$  ( $\mathbb{R}(s)[\hat{s}]$ ). Some interesting observations on the relationships between the various Smith forms have led to the introduction of the notion of dual pencils [Kar. & Hay -1,2,3]. This topic will be discussed in following chapter. In the following we give a summary of the well known results of matrix pencil theory under strict equivalence [Gan. -1][Tur. & Ait. -1].

Definition (2.23): The pencil  $sF - \hat{s}G$  is said to be regular if  $F, G \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  and  $\rho = \text{rank}_{\mathbb{R}(s, \hat{s})} \{sF - \hat{s}G\} = n$ ; in all other cases, i.e.  $m=n$  and  $\rho < n$ ,  $m < n$  or  $m > n$ , it will be called singular. □

Note that the terms given for the pencils, will be also used for the pairs  $(F, G)$  which "generate" the pencil  $sF - \hat{s}G$ . In the following the single variable pencil  $sF - G$  is used; the summary of the results is based on the treatment given in [Gan. -1].

By factorising the invariant polynomials  $f_i(s, \hat{s})$  of  $S(s, \hat{s})$  into powers of homogeneous polynomials irreducible over  $\mathbb{C}$ , we obtain the set of elementary divisors (e.d.) of the pencil  $sF - \hat{s}G$ ; these are of the following type:  $s^p, \hat{s}^q$ ,

and pairs of complex conjugate e.d.  $(s-\alpha\hat{s})^\tau$ ,  $(s-\bar{\alpha}\hat{s})^\tau$ ,  $\alpha, \bar{\alpha} \in \mathbb{C}$ . For the pencil sF-G we define: e.d. of the type  $\hat{s}^q$  are called infinite elementary divisors (i.e.d.), e.d. of the type  $s^p$  are called zero elementary divisors (z.e.d.), and e.d. of the type  $(s-\alpha)^\tau$  are called non zero finite elementary divisors (nz.f.e.d.). Whenever, there is no distinction between the e.d. of the type  $s^p$ ,  $(s-\alpha)^\tau$ ,  $\alpha \neq 0$ , they will be referred to as finite elementary divisors (f.e.d.). The set of all i.e.d., z.e.d., nz.f.e.d. and f.e.d. of sF-G will be denoted in short by {i.e.d.}, {z.e.d.}, {nz.f.e.d.}, {f.e.d.} respectively. whenever there is no ambiguity about the pencil sF-G on which these sets are defined. In the following  $L_{n,n}^r$ ,  $L_{m,n}^s$  shall denote the sets of regular, singular pencils of dimensions  $n \times n$ ,  $m \times n$  respectively. An element sF-G, of the above sets, will be denoted in short by L. Note that strict equivalence have been defined over the real s; however it may also be defined over the complex numbers. The real strict equivalence will be denoted by  $E_S^{\mathbb{R}}$  and the complex strict equivalence by  $E_S^{\mathbb{C}}$ ; of course  $E_S^{\mathbb{C}}$  is defined over sets of complex pencils. By  $E_S^{\mathbb{R}}(L)$ ,  $E_S^{\mathbb{C}}(L)$  we shall denote the corresponding equivalence classes.

The classical theory of matrix pencils deals with the study of invariant and canonical forms of the strict equivalence classes  $E_S^{\mathbb{R}}(L)$ ,  $E_S^{\mathbb{C}}(L)$ , when  $L \in L_{n,n}^r$  or  $L \in L_{m,n}^s$ . The results are presented below for single variable pencils sF-G; for homogeneous pencils sF- $\hat{s}$ G, the results are similar (homogenise the results stated for sF-G).

Theorem (2.7): The map  $f: L_{n,n}^r \rightarrow \{f.e.d.\} \times \{i.e.d.\}$  is a complete invariant for  $E_S^{\mathbb{R}}(L)$ ,  $E_S^{\mathbb{C}}(L)$ ,  $L \in L_{n,n}^r$ .

□

Note that for  $E_S^{\mathbb{R}}$ -equivalence the invariant polynomials are factorised over  $\mathbb{R}$  and thus {f.e.d.} is made up from irreducible over  $\mathbb{R}$  e.d. of the type  $(s-\alpha)^\tau$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $(s^2-\beta s-\gamma)^k$ ,  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}$ . The existence of a complete set of in-

variants for pencils  $sF-G \in L_{n,n}^r$  implies the existence of a canonical form, known as Weierstrass canonical form [Gan. -1][Tur. & Ait. -1].  $\square$

Theorem (2.8): The equivalence class  $E_S^{\mathbb{C}}(L)$ ,  $L \in L_{n,n}^r$  is characterised by a canonical element,  $sF_w - G_w$ , the complex Weierstrass canonical form, defined by

$$sF_w - G_w = \text{diag}\{...\; sH_q - I_q; \dots; sI_{\tau} - J_{\tau}(\lambda); \dots\} \quad (2.83)$$

where  $sI_{\tau} - J_{\tau}(\lambda)$  is the Jordan canonical block associated with the f.e.d.  $(s-\lambda)^{\tau}$  and  $sH_q - I_q$  is a canonical block associated with an i.e.d.  $\hat{s}^q$  ( $H_q$  is an elementary  $q \times q$  nilpotent matrix, whose elements in the first superdiagonal are one, whereas the remaining elements are all zero).  $\square$

A real Weierstrass form,  $sF'_w - G'_w$ , may be constructed by appropriate modification of the blocks in (2.83), as it will be shown below;  $sF'_w - G'_w$  will be then a canonical form of the  $E_S^{\mathbb{R}}(L)$  class. Thus, let  $\alpha = -\sigma - j\omega$ ,  $\bar{\alpha} = -\sigma + j\omega \in \mathbb{C}$  and let  $q(s) = (s-\alpha)^{\tau} (s-\bar{\alpha})^{\tau} = (s^2 - \beta s - \gamma)^{\tau}$  be the quadratic real elementary divisor that corresponds to the pair of complex conjugate e.d.  $(s-\alpha)^{\tau}$ ,  $(s-\bar{\alpha})^{\tau}$ . Using standard results from [Tur. & Ait. -1], we may construct two different real Weierstrass forms. Thus, to  $q(s)$  we may associate the canonical blocks  $C_{\tau}(\beta, \gamma)$ ,  $D_{\tau}(\sigma, \omega)$  of dimensions  $2\tau \times 2\tau$  where

$$C_{\tau}(\beta, \gamma) \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \gamma & \beta & 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \gamma & \beta & 1 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \gamma & \beta \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.84a)$$

and

$$D_T(\sigma, \omega) = \begin{bmatrix} W & I_2 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & W & I_2 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & & W & I_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & & 0 & \end{bmatrix}, \quad W = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma & \omega \\ -\omega & \sigma \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.84b)$$

It can be proved that under  $E_S^{\mathbb{R}}$ -equivalence,  $sF-G \in L_{n,n}^{\mathbb{R}}$  may be reduced to a real canonical form, of the type (2.83), where instead of a pair of blocks  $sI_T - J_T(\alpha)$ ,  $sI_T - J_T(\bar{\alpha})$ , the blocks  $C_T(\beta, \gamma)$ , or  $D_T(\sigma, \omega)$  are used; the first of those two canonical forms will be referred to as the Real Weierstrass canonical form, whereas the second will be called the Real spectral Weierstrass canonical form [Kar. & Hay. -2].

Unlike the case of regular pencils, however, the characterisation of the  $E_S^{\mathbb{R}}(L)$  class,  $L \in L_{m,n}^{\mathbb{R}}$ , apart from the set of the determinantal divisors requires the definition of additional sets of invariants, the minimal indices. Thus assume that  $m \neq n$  and that  $\rho = \text{rank}_{\mathbb{R}(s)} \{sF-G\} < \min\{m, n\}$ . Then the equations

$$(sF-G)\underline{x} = \underline{0}, \quad \underline{y}^t(sF-G) = \underline{0}^t \quad (2.85)$$

have solutions in  $\underline{x}$  and  $\underline{y}$ , which are vectors in the rational vector spaces  $N_r(s) = N_r\{sF-G\}$  and  $N_\ell(s) = N_\ell\{sF-G\}$  respectively.

Let  $p = \dim N_r(s)$ ,  $t = \dim N_\ell(s)$ . It is known [For. -1] that  $N_r(s)$  and  $N_\ell(s)$ , as rational vector spaces, are spanned by minimal polynomial bases  $\{\underline{x}_i(s), i \in \underline{p}\}$  and  $\{\underline{y}_j^t(s), j \in \underline{t}\}$  correspondingly, of minimal degrees  $\{\varepsilon_1 = \dots = \varepsilon_g = 0 < \varepsilon_{g+1} \leq \dots \leq \varepsilon_p\}$  and  $\{\zeta_1 = \dots = \zeta_g = 0 < \zeta_{g+1} \leq \dots \leq \zeta_t\}$  respectively. The set of minimal indices  $\{\varepsilon_i\}$  and  $\{\zeta_j\}$  are known [Gan. -1] as column minimal indices (c.m.i.) and row minimal indices (r.m.i.) of  $sF-G$  respectively. Note that if the homogeneous pencil,  $sF - \hat{s}G$ , is considered, then the same set of minimal indices is defined for the two rational vector spaces  $N_r, N_\ell$ , which are now defined



over  $R(s, \hat{s})$  [Tur. & Ait. - ]. The sets of c.m.i., r.m.i. of  $sF-G$  will be denoted in short by  $\{c.m.i.\}$ ,  $\{r.m.i.\}$  correspondingly.

Theorem (2.9): The map  $f: L_{m,n}^s \rightarrow \{f.e.d.\} \times \{i.e.d.\} \times \{c.m.i.\} \times \{r.m.i.\}$  is a complete invariant for  $E_S^R(L)$ ,  $E_S^T(L)$ ,  $L \in L_{m,n}^s$ .

□

The existence of a complete set of invariants for pencils  $sF-G \in L_{m,n}^s$  implies the existence of a canonical form, known as Kronecker canonical form [Gant. -1].

Theorem (2.10): The equivalence class  $E_S^T(L)$ ,  $L \in L_{m,n}^s$  is characterised by a canonical element,  $sF_k - G_k$ , the complex Kronecker canonical form, defined by

$$sF_k - G_k = \text{quasi diag.} \{O_{h,g}; L_{\epsilon_{g+1}}, \dots, L_{\epsilon_p}; L_{n_{h+1}}^t, \dots, L_{n_t}^t; sF_w - G_w\} \quad (2.86)$$

where  $sF_w - G_w$  is the complex Weierstrass canonical form, associated with the f.e.d. and i.e.d. of the pencil,  $O_{h,g}$  is a zero block parametrized by the  $g$  zero c.m.i. and  $h$  zero r.m.i. and  $L_{\epsilon_i}$  and  $L_{n_j}^t$  are blocks corresponding to non zero c.m.i. and r.m.i. respectively, of the type

$$L_\xi = \begin{bmatrix} s & -1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s & -1 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & s & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ \xi \\ \downarrow \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \xi = \epsilon_i \text{ or } n_j \end{matrix} \quad (2.87)$$

$\xleftarrow{\quad \xi+1 \quad} \xrightarrow{\quad}$

The real Kronecker canonical form,  $sF'_k - G'_k$ , may be defined by

$$sF'_k - G'_k = \text{quasi diag.} \{O_{h,g}; L_{\epsilon_{g+1}}, \dots, L_{\epsilon_p}; L_{n_{h+1}}^t, \dots, L_{n_t}^t; sF'_w - G'_w\} \quad (2.88)$$

where  $sF'_w - G'_w$  is the real Weierstrass form.



## 2.6. Topological bankground

The norm for a vector  $\underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  will be denoted by  $\|\underline{x}\|$  and satisfies the following relations:

- (i)  $\|\underline{x}\| \geq 0 \quad \forall \underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  unless  $\underline{x} = \underline{0}$
- (ii)  $\|k\underline{x}\| = |k| \cdot \|\underline{x}\| \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{C}, \underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$
- (iii)  $\|\underline{x} + \underline{y}\| \leq \|\underline{x}\| + \|\underline{y}\| \quad \forall \underline{x}, \underline{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$

(2.89)

Also from (iii) we have  $\|\underline{x} - \underline{y}\| \geq \left| \|\underline{x}\| - \|\underline{y}\| \right| \quad \forall \underline{x}, \underline{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

We use three vector norms. They are defined by:

$$\|\underline{x}\|_p = (|x_1|^p + |x_2|^p + \dots + |x_n|^p)^{1/p} \quad (p=1, 2, \infty) \quad (2.90)$$

where  $\underline{x} = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]^t \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\|\underline{x}\|_\infty$  is interpreted as  $\max |x_i|$ ,  $i=1, 2, \dots, n$ .

The norm  $\|\underline{x}\|_2$  is the Euclidean length of the vector  $\underline{x}$ . Corresponding to any vector norm a non-negative quantity, defined by  $\sup_{\underline{x} \neq \underline{0}} \frac{\|A\underline{x}\|}{\|\underline{x}\|}$ , may be associated with any matrix  $A$ .

From (ii) of (2.89) we see that this is equivalent to  $\sup_{\|\underline{x}\|=1} \|A\underline{x}\|$ .

Also for  $\|A\| \triangleq \sup_{\|\underline{x}\|=1} \|A\underline{x}\|$  we have:

$$\|A\underline{x}\| \leq \|A\| \cdot \|\underline{x}\| \quad (2.91)$$

Matrix and vector norms for which (2.91) is true for all  $A$  and  $\underline{x}$  are said to be compatible.

The matrix norm subordinate to  $\|\underline{x}\|_p$  is denoted by  $\|A\|_p$ .

These norms satisfy the relations

$$\begin{aligned} \|A\|_1 &= \max_j \sum_i |\alpha_{ij}| \\ \|A\|_\infty &= \max_i \sum_j |\alpha_{ij}| \end{aligned} \quad (2.92)$$

$$\|A\|_2 = [\lambda_{\max}(A^H A)]^{1/2}$$

$\|\cdot\|_2$  is called the spectral norm or the bound norm.

Another norm which is compatible with the Euclidean vector norm is the Frobenious or Hilbert-Schmidt norm:

$$\|A\|_F \triangleq (\text{trace}(A^H A))^{1/2} = \left[ \sum_{i,j} |\alpha_{ij}|^2 \right]^{1/2} \quad (2.93)$$

For any  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$ , with  $m \geq n$ , we have:

$$\|A\|_2 \leq \|A\|_F \leq \sqrt{\text{rank} A} \cdot \|A\|_2 \leq \sqrt{n} \cdot \|A\|_2 \quad (2.94)$$

when  $A = A^H$  then  $\|A\|_2 = \max\{|\lambda_1|, |\lambda_2|, \dots, |\lambda_n|\} = \text{spectral radius of } A$  and

$$\|A\|_F = \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^2 \right]^{1/2}.$$

The next proposition says that a sequence of unitary transformations cannot change either norm. □

Proposition (2.10): For any  $A$   $m \times n$  matrix we have  $\|PAQ\|_2 = \|A\|_2$ ,  $\|PAQ\|_F =$

$\|A\|_F$  if and only if  $P, Q$  are orthonormal, i.e.  $P^H P = P P^H = I_m$ ,  $Q^H Q = Q Q^H = I_n$ . □

Definitions 2.24 [Kato -1]: Let  $X, Y \subset \mathbb{C}^n$  be subspaces. The gap between  $X$  and  $Y$  is the number:

$$\gamma(X, Y) \triangleq \max \left[ \sup_{\substack{\|x\|=1 \\ x \in X}} \inf_{y \in Y} \|x - y\|, \sup_{\substack{\|y\|=1 \\ y \in Y}} \inf_{x \in X} \|y - x\| \right] \quad (2.95)$$

The gap function is not quite a metric, for it does not satisfy the triangle inequality, however the neighborhoods  $N(X, \epsilon)$ ,  $\epsilon > 0$  defined by:

$N(X, \epsilon) \triangleq \{Y: \gamma(X, Y) < \epsilon\}$  form a basis for a topology on the set of all subspaces of  $\mathbb{C}^n$ .

In the case where the norm used in the definition of gap is the 2-norm the gap function is a metric.

More important for our purposes is the following theorem that relates the gap between  $X$  and  $Y$  to the projectors onto  $X$  and  $Y$ .

Theorem (2.11)[Kato -1]: Let  $P_X, P_Y$  are the orthogonal projectors onto the subspaces  $X$  and  $Y$  of  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . If the 2-norm is used to define the gap in previous definition then:

$$\gamma(X, Y) = \|P_X - P_Y\|_2$$

□

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### CHAPTER 3: GENERALISED AUTONOMOUS DIFFERENTIAL SYSTEMS MATRIX PENCILS AND LINEAR SYSTEMS

#### 3.1 Introduction

The aim of this chapter is to "set the scene" for the theory that we will develop in this thesis. It will be shown that problems of regular and extended state space theory may be described in quite a natural way in terms of generalised autonomous differential systems. It is because of this unified description, that matrix pencil theory plays an instrumental role in the study of algebraic, geometric and dynamic properties of linear systems. The generalised autonomous differential systems provide a natural setting for defining different notions of duality; the notion of "integrator-differentiator" type of duality, motivates the study of a new type of equivalence on matrix pencils, namely the "Bilinear-Strict equivalence". The link between the algebraic structure of matrix pencils with the structure of the subspaces of the domain and codomain of a pair  $(F, G)$ , motivates the need for the development of a geometric theory of matrix pencils; detaching this theory from its algebraic basis is of considerable importance, since extensions of the theory to pencils of more general operators is easier in a geometric, rather than an algebraic context. The equivalence between the dynamic, geometric characterisations of invariant subspaces of the geometric theory [Won. -1], [Will. -1] and the algebraic characterisation provided by the restriction pencil [Kar. -1], [Jaf. & Kar. -1], indicates that the subspaces of the domain of  $(F, G)$  may be characterised dynamically.

The chapter is structured as follows: In Section (3.2) we will briefly recall some of the basic concepts from state space theory, in particular those related to the dynamic, geometric characterisation of subspaces of the state space. In Section (3.3) it is shown how the generalised autonomous differential systems, and thus matrix pencils, arise in the theory of regular



and extended state space linear systems. Section (3.4) reviews the fundamental duality notions on autonomous differential descriptions. Finally, Section (3.5) explains the motivation behind the theory developed in the subsequent chapters.

### 3.2 Background concepts from linear geometric theory

Consider the dynamical system whose evolution in time is modelled by the linear time invariant differential and algebraic equations

$$S(A,B,C,D): \quad \dot{\underline{x}}(t) = A\underline{x}(t) + B\underline{u}(t) \quad t \geq 0 \quad (3.1a)$$

$$\underline{y}(t) = C\underline{x}(t) + D\underline{u}(t) \quad (3.1b)$$

where  $\underline{u}(\cdot): \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow U$ ,  $\underline{x}(\cdot): \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow X$ ,  $\underline{y}(\cdot): \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow Y$  and  $U, X, Y$  are real linear vector spaces, with  $\dim U=1$ ,  $\dim X=n$ ,  $\dim Y=m$ . Here  $X$  is the state space,  $Y$  the output space and  $U$  the input space.  $A, B, C, D$  are linear mappings defined by  $A: X \rightarrow X$ ,  $B: U \rightarrow X$ ,  $C: X \rightarrow Y$ ,  $D: U \rightarrow Y$  and they are referred to as state-, input-state, state-output, input-output maps respectively.  $\underline{u}(\cdot)$  may be piecewise continuous,  $C^\infty$ , or distributional; for the study of most properties the piecewise continuous assumption for  $\underline{u}(\cdot)$  is sufficient. The linear spaces  $X, U, Y$  are isomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^1$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^m$  and thus  $A, B, C, D$  may be represented in terms matrices of  $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^{n \times 1}$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^{m \times 1}$  correspondingly. Throughout the thesis we shall consider the matrix representations of  $A, B, C, D$  maps and we shall use the same notation. It will be also assumed that  $\text{rank}(B)=1$  and  $\text{rank}(C)=m$ .

The  $S(A, B, C, D)$  model is usually referred as a regular state space model, to distinguish from a more general model defined subsequently. Whenever the symbols  $S(A)$ ,  $S(A, B)$ ,  $S(A, B, C)$  are used, that means we consider the systems described by the corresponding maps. A more general than the  $S(A, B, C, D)$  model will be also considered, i.e.

$$E \dot{\underline{x}}(t) = A' \underline{x}(t) + B' \underline{u}(t) \quad t \geq 0 \quad (3.2a)$$

$$S_e(E, A', B', C', D'): \quad \underline{y}(t) = C' \underline{x}(t) + D' \underline{u}(t) \quad (3.2b)$$

where  $\underline{u}(\cdot): \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^1$ ,  $\underline{x}(\cdot): \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\underline{y}(\cdot): \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $E, A' \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $B' \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 1}$ ,  $C' \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $D' \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times 1}$ . Note that  $E$  is singular (otherwise, this description may be reduced to the previous one) and it is known as extended state-space model [Ros. -2], [Verg. -1], or descriptor type model [Lue. -1]. There are essential differences between the system models  $S$  and  $S_e$ , the most important one has to do with the nature of the solutions of  $S(A)$  and  $S_e(A)$  (see [Camp. -1,2]).

In the following we shall consider the  $S(A,B)$  system and shall give a brief summary of the important concepts of subspaces developed in the geometric theory; for a full exposition see [Won. -1], [Wil. -1].

The system  $S(A): \dot{\underline{x}}(t) = A\underline{x}(t)$  represents a linear flow [Hir. & Sm. -1]. An important notion in the study of flows is the notion of invariance. A subspace  $V \subset X$  will be said to be dynamically invariant with respect to the flow  $S(A)$ , if every initial condition  $\underline{x}(0) = \underline{x}_0 \in V$  gives rise to a trajectory  $\underline{x}(t)$  that lies entirely in  $V$ . We will call  $V$  geometrically invariant, or A-invariant if  $AV \subset V$ . It is clear that the families of dynamically and geometrically invariant subspaces coincide. Suppose now that it is possible to change the dynamic behaviour of  $S(A)$  by some external mechanism. In particular assume that our system is given by

$$S(A,B): \dot{\underline{x}}(t) = A\underline{x}(t) + B\underline{u}(t) \quad (3.3)$$

Under the further assumption that we are allowed to use for  $\underline{u}(t)$  linear functions of the current state  $\underline{x}(t)$  (accessibility of the states for measurement) we may take  $\underline{u}(t) = F\underline{x}(t)$  in (3.3), where  $F$  is a linear map from  $X$  into  $U$ , called a state feedback. With this expression for  $\underline{u}(t)$ , we may change the dynamics of (3.3) to

$$S'(A+BF): \dot{\underline{x}}(t) = (A+BF)\underline{x}(t) \quad (3.4)$$

It is clear that the notions of dynamically invariant and geometrically invariant subspaces may be extended to the  $S(A,B)$  systems. These observations have led to the development of the geometric theory of linear systems

[Bas. & Mar. -1], [Won. & Mor. -1], [Won. -1], [Will. -1]; the fundamental concepts and results are summarised below.

Consider the system  $S(A,B)$ ,  $\underline{x}(0)=\underline{x}_0$  denote an initial condition and let  $\underline{u}(t)$  be a control input. The resulting state trajectory is given by

$$\underline{x}(t) = e^{At} \underline{x}_0 + \int_0^t e^{(t-\tau)A} B \underline{u}(\tau) d\tau \quad (3.5)$$

The linear space of all absolutely continuous trajectories will be denoted by  $\Sigma(A,B)$  and it is formally defined by

$$\Sigma(A,B) \triangleq \{ \underline{x}: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow X: \underline{x} \text{ is absolutely continuous} \\ \text{and } \dot{\underline{x}}(t) - A\underline{x}(t) \in \text{im } B \text{ a.c.} \} \quad (3.6)$$

In the following, if  $F: X \rightarrow U$  is a mapping we shall often denote  $A_F \triangleq A + BF$ . The space  $\text{Im} BCX$  shall be denoted by  $B$ .

**Definition (3.1):** (i) A subspace  $V$  of  $X$  will be called controlled invariant subspace, if  $\forall \underline{x}_0 \in V$ ,  $\exists \underline{x} \in \Sigma(A,B)$  such that  $\underline{x}(0)=\underline{x}_0$  and  $\underline{x}(t) \in V$ ,  $\forall t \in \mathbb{R}_+$ .

(ii) A subspace  $R$  of  $X$  will be called a controllability subspace (c.s.) if  $\forall \underline{x}_0, \underline{x}_1 \in R$ ,  $\exists \tau > 0$  and  $\underline{x} \in \Sigma(A,B)$  such that  $\underline{x}(0)=\underline{x}_0$ ,  $\underline{x}(\tau)=\underline{x}_1$  and  $\underline{x}(t) \in R$ ,  $\forall t \in \mathbb{R}_+$ .

□

Controlled invariant subspaces are also called  $(A,B)$ -invariant subspaces, or  $A(\text{mod } B)$ -invariant subspaces. The classes of all controlled invariant, controllability subspaces defined on  $S(A,B)$  shall be denoted by  $V(A,B)$ ,  $R(A,B)$  respectively. The notion of c.s. is an extension of the standard notion of controllability [Kal. -1]; the meaning of a c.s. is that it is possible to travel between any two points of the subspace, moving along a trajectory that lies entirely in that subspace. It is clear that c.s. are always controlled invariant subspaces, and thus  $R(A,B) \subset V(A,B)$ . In the following, if  $B_1$  is a subspace of  $B$  and  $F: X \rightarrow U$  is a mapping, we will denote

$\langle A_F/B_1 \rangle \triangleq B_1 + A_F B_1 + \dots + A_F^{n-1} B_1$ . The classes  $V(A,B)$ ,  $R(A,B)$  have been character-

rised geometrically [Bus. & Mar. -1], [Won. & Mor. -1] by the following results:

Proposition (3.1): The following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $V \in \{V(A,B)\}$ ,
- (ii)  $\exists F: X \rightarrow U$  such that  $A_F V \subset V$
- (iii)  $AV \subset V+B$

□

Proposition (3.2): The following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $R \in \{R(A,B)\}$
- (ii)  $\exists$  a subspace  $B' \subset B$  and a mapping  $F: X \rightarrow U$  such that  $R = \langle A_F / B' \rangle$
- (iii)  $\exists$  a mapping  $F: X \rightarrow U$  such that  $R = \langle A_F / B \cap R \rangle$

□

For a proof of these results see [Won. -1]. It may be readily proved that the classes  $V(A,B)$  and  $R(A,B)$  are closed under the operation of subspace addition. Because of this latter property for every subspace  $K \subset X$ , there is a supremal (maximal) controlled invariant subspace and a supremal (maximal) c.s. which are contained in  $K$ ; these subspaces will be denoted by  $V^*(K)$  and  $R^*(K)$  respectively. The subspaces  $V^*(K)$  and  $R^*(K)$  may be computed by the following algorithms (see [Won. -1]).

Controlled invariant subspace algorithm: Let  $K \subset X$  be a subspace. Consider the following sequence of subspaces

$$V_K^0 = X, \quad V_K^{\mu+1} = K \cap A^{-1}(V_K^\mu + B), \quad \mu \geq 0 \quad (3.7)$$

This sequence is non increasing and converges to  $V^*(K)$ , the supremal (A,B)- (or controlled) invariant subspace contained in  $K$ .

□

Controllability subspace algorithm: Let  $K \subset X$  be a subspace. Consider the following sequence of subspaces

$$R_K^0 = 0, \quad R_K^{\mu+1} = V^*(K) \cap (AR_K^\mu + B), \quad \mu \geq 0 \quad (3.8)$$

where  $V^*(K)$  is the supremal (A,B)-invariant subspace in  $K$ . The above se-



quence is non decreasing and converges to  $R^*(K)$  the supremal controllability subspace contained in  $K$ . □

The dynamic notions of controlled invariant and controllability subspaces have been extended by Willems [Will. -1] to the notions of almost controlled invariant subspace (a.c.i.s.) and almost controllability subspace (a.c.s.).

The essence of the a.c.i.s. is that beginning a motion in it, one can stay arbitrarily close to it by choosing the input appropriately. In the same way, an a.c.s. has been defined as a subspace with the property that, starting in it, one can steer to an arbitrary point in the same subspace while staying arbitrarily close to that subspace. To formally define these two notions we need a measure of the distance of a point from a subspace. Thus, assume that  $X$  is a normed vector space with  $\|\cdot\|$  norm. If  $W$  is a subspace of  $X$  and  $\underline{x} \in X$  we will define the distance of  $\underline{x}$  to  $W$  to be

$$d(\underline{x}, W) \triangleq \inf_{\underline{x}' \in W} \|\underline{x} - \underline{x}'\| \quad (3.9)$$

We may give the following definition:

**Definition (3.2):** (i) A subspace  $V_\alpha \subset X$  is said to be an almost controlled invariant subspace (a.c.i.s.), if  $\forall \underline{x}_0 \in V_\alpha$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists \underline{x}(t) \in \Sigma(A, B)$  such that  $\underline{x}(0) = \underline{x}_0$  and  $d(\underline{x}(t), V_\alpha) \leq \epsilon$ ,  $\forall t \in \mathbb{R}_+$ .

(ii) A subspace  $R_\alpha \subset X$  is said to be an almost controllability subspace (a.c.s.), if  $\forall \underline{x}_0, \underline{x}_1 \in R_\alpha$ ,  $\exists \tau > 0$  such that  $\forall \epsilon > 0$   $\exists \underline{x}(t) \in \Sigma(A, B)$  with the properties that  $\underline{x}(0) = \underline{x}_0$ ,  $\underline{x}(\tau) = \underline{x}_1$  and  $d(\underline{x}(t), R_\alpha) \leq \epsilon$ ,  $\forall t \in \mathbb{R}_+$ . □

The families of a.c.i.s. and a.c.s. will be denoted by  $V_\alpha(A, B)$ ,  $R_\alpha(A, B)$  respectively. It is a trivial matter to verify that  $R(A, B) \subset V(A, B) \subset V_\alpha(A, B)$  and  $R(A, B) \subset R_\alpha(A, B) \subset V_\alpha(A, B)$ . The families  $V_\alpha(A, B)$  and  $R_\alpha(A, B)$  are closed under the operation of subspace addition and thus it may immediately concluded



that for every subspace  $K$  of  $X$ , there is a supremal a.c.i.s.  $V_{\alpha}^*(K)$  and a supremal a.c.s.  $R_{\alpha}^*(K)$  contained in  $K$ . A geometric characterisation of the families  $V_{\alpha}(A,B)$  and  $R_{\alpha}(A,B)$  has been given by Willems [Will. -1] and it is stated next.

Proposition (3.3): (i)  $R_{\alpha} \in R_{\alpha}(A,B)$ , if and only if there is a mapping  $F: X \rightarrow U$  and a chain  $B \supset B_1 \supset B_2 \supset \dots \supset B_k$  such that

$$R_{\alpha} = B_1 + A_F B_2 + \dots + A_F^{k-1} B_k \quad (3.10)$$

(ii)  $V_{\alpha} \in V_{\alpha}(A,B)$ , if and only if there exists  $V \in V(A,B)$  and  $R_{\alpha} \in R_{\alpha}(A,B)$  such that  $V_{\alpha} = V + R_{\alpha}$  □

The subspace  $R_{\alpha}^*(K)$  may be computed by a variation of the algorithm given for  $R^*(K)$  [Won. -1]. This algorithm is given below [Will. -1].

Almost controllability subspace algorithm: Let  $K \subset X$  be a subspace. Consider the following sequence of subspaces

$$R_{\alpha K}^0 = 0, \quad R_{\alpha K}^{\mu+1} = K \cap (AR_{\alpha K}^{\mu} + B), \quad \mu \geq 0 \quad (3.11)$$

The sequence is non decreasing and converges to  $R_{\alpha}^*(K)$ , the supremal almost controllability subspace contained in  $K$ . □

The families  $V_{\alpha}(A,B)$ ,  $R_{\alpha}(A,B)$  have been also characterised dynamically in two different ways. The first, due to Willems [Will. -1], [Tren. -1] is making use of distributional inputs and the second due to Karcanius [Kar. -1], [MacF. & Kar. -1] is based on the problem of frequency transmission through subspaces [Kar. & Kouv. -2] of the state space of a linear system. The first of the above two approaches suggests that the families  $V_{\alpha}(A,B)$ ,  $R_{\alpha}(A,B)$  may be viewed as "exact" invariant subspaces when we allow the class of state trajectories to include not only absolutely continuous functions, but also distributions; this is achieved by introducing a convenient class of admissible distributional inputs and thus allowing the definition of state tra-

jectories satisfying certain initial conditions. It has been shown, that in order to give a characterisation of the  $V_\alpha(A,B)$ ,  $R_\alpha(A,B)$  families it is sufficient to consider an even smaller class of inputs, the class of inputs that are Bohl distributions [Will. -1]. This characterisation is similar to that given for controlled invariant subspaces and controllability subspaces (Definition (3.1)) with the only difference that  $\Sigma(A,B)$  changes to  $\Sigma_D(A,B)$ , where the latter denotes the set of distributional solutions of  $S(A,B)$ . It is because of this characterisation and the equivalence of these new definitions to those given previously, that a  $V_\alpha \in V_\alpha(A,B)$  is also referred as a distributionally controlled invariant subspace (d.c.i.s.) and an  $R_\alpha \in R_\alpha(A,B)$  as a distributionally controllability subspace (d.c.s.). For a proper exposition of the topic see [Will. -1], [Tren. -1]. The second approach [Kar. -1] has been based on the "filter" properties of subspaces (type of frequencies that may be propagated through them) and was the first effort to extend the standard notions of the geometric theory. The characterisation of the subspaces of  $X$  was given in algebraic terms, i.e. by the type of invariants of a "restriction" pencil which may be associated with a subspace  $V$ . The matrix pencil approach has provided a simple characterisation of the subspaces of  $X$  and a simple method for the computation of  $V^*(K)$ ,  $V_\alpha^*(K)$ ,  $R(K)$ ,  $R_\alpha^*(K)$  in terms of the Kronecker canonical form. The equivalence of the subspaces introduced by algebraic means the subspaces defined by Willems [Will. -1] has been established by Jaffe and Karcanias [Jaf. & Kar. -1]. The matrix pencil approach forms the basis for the treatment given in this thesis and it will be briefly summarised below. The dynamic problems which lead to the algebraic definitions presented next are discussed in [Kar. & Kouv. -2,3], [Jaf. & Kar. -1]. We define [MacF. & Kar. -1], [Kar. -1].

Definition (3.3): Let  $S(A,B)$  be a linear system,  $N \in \mathbb{R}^{(n-1) \times n}$  be a left annihilator of  $B$  and let  $V \subset X$  be a subspace.

(a) The pencil  $(sN-NA)V$ , where  $V$  is a basis matrix of  $V$  is called a  $V$ -restriction pencil ( $V$ -r.p.) and the set of strict equivalence invariants of  $(sN-NA)V$  will be denoted by  $I_V(A,B)$ .

(b) The subspace  $V$  will be called:

- (i) A finite elementary divisor subspace (f.e.d.s.), if  $I_V(A,B)$  contains only f.e.d. and possibly zero r.m.i.
- (ii) An infinite elementary divisor subspace (i.e.d.s.), if  $I_V(A,B)$  contains only i.e.d. and possibly zero r.m.i.
- (iii) A column minimal indices subspace (c.m.i.s.), if  $I_V(A,B)$  contains only c.m.i. and possibly zero r.m.i.
- (iv) A row minimal indices subspace (r.m.i.s.), if  $I_V(A,B)$  contains only r.m.i.

□

The families of f.e.d.s., i.e.d.s., c.m.i.s., r.m.i.s. will be denoted by  $V_f(A,B)$ ,  $V_\infty(A,B)$ ,  $V_\epsilon(A,B)$ ,  $V_\eta(A,B)$  respectively. The relationships between those families and the families  $V(A,B)$ ,  $V_\alpha(A,B)$ ,  $R(A,B)$ ,  $R_\alpha(A,B)$  are defined by the following classification theorem [Juff. & Kar. -1].

Theorem (3.1): Let  $S(A,B)$  be a linear system and let  $V \subset X$  be a subspace.

Then,

- (i)  $V \in V(A,B)$ , iff  $\exists V_f \in V_f(A,B)$  and  $V_\epsilon \in V_\epsilon(A,B)$  such that  $V = V_f \oplus V_\epsilon$
- (ii)  $V_\epsilon(A,B) = R(A,B)$ .
- (iii)  $V \in V_\alpha(A,B)$ , iff  $\exists V_f \in V_f(A,B)$ ,  $V_\infty \in V_\infty(A,B)$  and  $V_\epsilon \in V_\epsilon(A,B)$  such that  $V = V_f \oplus V_\infty \oplus V_\epsilon$ .
- (iv)  $V \in R_\alpha(A,B)$ , iff  $\exists V_\infty \in V_\infty(A,B)$ ,  $V_\epsilon \in V_\epsilon(A,B)$  such that  $V = V_\infty \oplus V_\epsilon$ .

□

Clearly  $V_\infty(A,B) \subset R_\alpha(A,B)$ . The subspaces  $V_\infty \in V_\infty(A,B)$  and  $V_f \in V_f(A,B)$  have been called infinite spectrum invariant subspaces, fixed spectrum invariant subspaces respectively [Kar. -1]. Subspaces such as  $V_f$ ,  $V_\infty$  have been defined by Willems [Will. -1] and they have been referred to as coasting, sliding subspaces correspondingly.

The matrix pencil approach leads to a procedure for the computation of the supremal subspaces  $V^*(K)$ ,  $V_\alpha^*(K)$ ,  $R^*(K)$  and  $R_\alpha^*(K)$  which are contained in a given subspace  $K$ , by making use of the Kronecker form of  $(sN-NA)V$  [Kar. -1], [Jaff. & Kar. -1].

Corollary (3.1): Let  $K$  be a subspace of  $X$ . There always exist subspaces  $V_\eta \in V_\eta(A,B)$ ,  $V_f \in V_f(A,B)$ ,  $V_\infty \in V_\infty(A,B)$  and  $V_\varepsilon \in V_\varepsilon(A,B)$  such that

$$K = V_\eta \oplus V_f \oplus V_\infty \oplus V_\varepsilon \quad (3.12)$$

Furthermore, we have that

- (i)  $V^*(K) = V_f \oplus V_\varepsilon$ ,  $R^*(K) = V_\varepsilon$
- (ii)  $V_\alpha^*(K) = V_f \oplus V_\infty \oplus V_\varepsilon$ ,  $R_\alpha^*(K) = V_\infty \oplus V_\varepsilon$

□

### 3.3 Generalised autonomous differential systems, and matrix pencils in linear systems theory

The objective of the work presented in this thesis is the study of the algebraic, geometric and dynamic properties of the set of linear, autonomous, first-order differential equations.

$$S(F,G): Fp\dot{x}(t) = Gx(t), \quad p = \frac{d}{dt}, \quad F, G \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \quad (3.13)$$

where  $\underline{x}(\cdot): (0^-, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ . Differential systems of the above type are intimately related with the theory of matrix pencils, since the algebraic, geometric and dynamic properties stem from the structure by the associated matrix pencil  $sF - sG$ . In general,  $S(F,G)$  systems do not always represent physical dynamical systems, since as we shall see, for a given initial condition, a solution may



not be uniquely defined. It is the purpose of this section to show that  $S(F,G)$  type systems are intimately related to problems of linear state space theory of the regular, or extended state space type; thus, matrix pencil theory will emerge as the key operator description in the study of linear systems. The formal unification of linear state space theory by means of  $S(F,G)$  descriptions and the matrix pencil theory, has been initiated by the work in [MacF. & Kar. -1], [Kar. -1], [Kar. & Kouv. -1], [Jaf. & Kar. -1], [Kar. & MacB. -1], [Kar. & Hay. -1,2], [Apl. -1]; the origins of the "matrix pencil approach", however, go back to the work of Rosenbrock [Ros. -1], and Kalman [Kal. -1].

In justification of a study of (3.13) consider the system

$$E \dot{\underline{x}}(t) = A' \underline{x}(t) + B' \underline{u}(t) \quad (3.14a)$$

$$S_e(E, A', B', C, D): \quad \underline{y}(t) = C' \underline{x}(t) + D' \underline{u}(t) \quad (3.14b)$$

where  $E, A' \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $B' \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 1}$ ,  $C' \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $D' \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times 1}$ .  $B'$  is assumed to have full rank, but  $E$  may be singular. If  $E$  has full rank  $S_e(E, A', B', C', D')$  is reduced to the standard regular state space description

$$S(A, B, C, D): \quad \dot{\underline{x}} = A \underline{x}(t) + B \underline{u}(t) \quad A = E^{-1} A', \quad B = E^{-1} B' \quad (3.15a)$$

$$\underline{y} = C \underline{x}(t) + D \underline{u}(t) \quad (3.15b)$$

whereas, if  $E$  singular we have the extended state space description  $S_e(E, A', B', C', D')$ . A number of equivalent descriptions of  $S_e$ , or  $S$  of the  $S(F,G)$  type may be derived by inspection of (3.14), or (3.15) respectively. Thus, by defining the composite vectors  $\underline{\zeta}(t)$ ,  $\underline{\xi}(t)$  where  $\underline{\zeta}(t) = [\underline{x}(t)^t, \underline{u}(t)^t]^t$ ,  $\underline{\xi}(t) = [\underline{x}(t)^t, \underline{u}(t)^t, \underline{y}(t)^t]^t$  we obtain the following equivalent descriptions of (3.14) [Kar. & Hay. -1,2].

$$S(\Gamma, \Delta, \Theta): \begin{bmatrix} E_n & 0 \\ 0 & 0_\ell \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\underline{x}}(t) \\ \dot{\underline{u}}(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A' & B' \\ C' & D' \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \underline{x}(t) \\ \underline{u}(t) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -I_m \end{bmatrix} \underline{y}(t) \quad (3.16)$$

$$\begin{matrix} \Delta \\ \Gamma \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \Delta \\ \underline{\zeta}(t) \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \Delta \\ \Delta \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \Delta \\ \Theta \end{matrix}$$



or

$$S(\Phi, \Omega): \begin{bmatrix} E_\eta & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0_\ell & 0_m \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\underline{x}}(t) \\ \dot{\underline{u}}(t) \\ \dot{\underline{y}}(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A' & B' & 0 \\ C' & D' & -I_m \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \underline{x}(t) \\ \underline{u}(t) \\ \underline{y}(t) \end{bmatrix} \quad (3.17)$$

$$\begin{matrix} \Delta \Phi & \Delta \dot{\underline{\xi}}(t) & \Delta \Omega \end{matrix}$$

Implicit in the above descriptions is of course the differentiability of the  $\underline{u}(t)$ ,  $\underline{y}(t)$ ; this may be guaranteed by appropriate definition of the space of control inputs. A representation similar in nature to  $S(\Gamma, \Delta, \Theta)$  has also appeared in [Appl. -1], [Ber. -1] and has been termed as an implicit description. Such a description is defined by

$$\begin{bmatrix} E_\eta \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \dot{\underline{x}}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} A' \\ C' \end{bmatrix} \underline{x}(t) + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & B' \\ -I_m & D' \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \underline{y}(t) \\ \underline{u}(t) \end{bmatrix} \quad (3.18)$$

The above description has emerged as a natural representation from the work on non-oriented models [Appl. -2].

The  $S(\Phi, \Omega)$  description is clearly of the  $S(F, G)$  type and its importance will be emphasized when the problem of dual systems is addressed later on [Kar. & Hay. -2, 3]. The importance of the  $S(\Gamma, \Delta, \Theta)$  representation stems from its links to the dynamic characterisation of finite and infinite zeros [MacF. & Kar. -2], [Kar. & Hay. -3], as well as to the theory of multivariable Nyquist and Root locus [MacF. & Kar. -1], [Kar. & Hay. -1]. Thus, by setting  $\underline{u}(t) = \underline{0}$  (3.16) yields

$$S(\Gamma, \Delta): \quad \Gamma \dot{\underline{z}}(t) = \Delta \underline{z}(t) \quad (3.19)$$

which expresses the general output zeroing problem on  $S_e$  [Kar. & Kouv. -1], [MacF. & Kar. -2], [Kar. & Hay. -3]. The  $S(\Gamma, \Delta)$  system has been defined as the output zeroing differential system and its solutions define the zero structure of  $S_e$ .

Variable structure  $S(F, G)$  type systems arise in problems such as the Multivariable Nyquist and Root locus ([Post. & MacF. -1], [Kouv. & Sha. -1]);

thus, assume  $m=l$  and let  $\underline{u}(t)=k\underline{y}(t)$ , where  $k$  represents a scalar output feedback. By substituting in (3.16) and setting  $g=k^{-1}$ , we obtain the "closed-loop" description

$$S(\Gamma, \Delta(g)): \begin{bmatrix} E_\eta & 0 \\ 0 & 0_\ell \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\underline{x}}(t) \\ \dot{\underline{u}}(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A' & B' \\ C' & -gI+D' \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \underline{x}(t) \\ \underline{u}(t) \end{bmatrix} \quad (3.20)$$

$S(\Gamma, \Delta(g))$  is a variable structure generalised differential system and has been defined as the scalar-gain closed-loop differential system [Kar. & Hay. -1]. The analysis of such systems differs from that of the fixed structure  $S(F, G)$  systems; in fact, the fixed structure case is characterised by the pencil  $pF-G$  ( $p=d/dt$ ), whereas the variable structure is characterised by the matrix net

$$P_e(p, g) = p\Gamma + gE - \Delta = p \begin{bmatrix} E_\eta & 0 \\ 0 & 0_\ell \end{bmatrix} + g \begin{bmatrix} 0_\eta & 0 \\ 0 & J_\ell \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} A' & B' \\ C' & D' \end{bmatrix} \quad (3.21)$$

$P_e(p, g)$  has been defined in [MacF. & Kar. -1] as the closed loop system net; for the case where  $E=I_\eta$ ,  $P(p, g)$  is related to the characteristic gain-frequency algebraic functions [MacF. & Kar. -1] which in turn define the generalised Nyquist and Root locus ([Post. & MacF. -1], [Smi. -1]). The system  $S(\Gamma, \Delta(g))$  may be thought of as the singularly perturbed  $S(\Gamma, \Delta)$  system; in fact, if  $g \rightarrow 0$  ( $K \rightarrow \infty$ , asymptotic root locus case),  $\lim_{g \rightarrow 0} S(\Gamma, \Delta(g)) = S(\Gamma, \Delta)$  which clearly demonstrates the equivalence between the asymptotic root locus and output zeroing problems [Kar. & Hay. -3].

Alternative generalised autonomous descriptions for  $S_e$  system problems arise in the matrix pencil characterisation of the various notions of invariant subspaces of the geometric theory ([Kar. -1], [Jaf. & Kar. -1]). Such differential systems are defined next in the more general context of

$S_e(E, A', B')$  descriptions. Thus, let us assume  $\ell < n$  and let  $N' \in \mathbb{R}^{(n-\ell) \times n}$ ,  $B'^+ \in \mathbb{R}^{\ell \times n}$  be matrices such that

$$N'B' = 0_{n-l, l}, \quad B'^+B' = I_l \text{ and } Q = \begin{bmatrix} N' \\ B'^+ \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, \quad |Q| \neq 0. \quad (3.22)$$

where  $N'$  is a left annihilator of  $B'$  and  $B'^+$  is a left inverse of  $B'$ . By pre-multiplying (3.14a) by  $Q$ , the following equivalent conditions is obtained

$$N'E \dot{\underline{x}}(t) = N'A' \underline{x}(t) \quad (3.23a)$$

$$S_e(N'E, N'A'): \quad \underline{u}(t) = B'^+ \{E \dot{\underline{x}}(t) - A' \underline{x}(t)\} \quad (3.23b)$$

$$\underline{y}(t) = C' \underline{x}(t) + D' \underline{u}(t) \quad (3.23c)$$

Clearly, (3.23a) is of the  $S(F, G)$  type; for any solution of (3.23a)  $\underline{x}(t)$ , the corresponding  $\underline{u}(t)$  that generates  $\underline{x}(t)$  and the resulting  $\underline{y}(t)$  are given by (3.23b, c). The  $S_e(N'E, N'A')$  description has been termed the input-space restricted state mechanism model [Kar. & Huy. -1]. For  $S(A, B)$  systems equations (3.23a), (3.23b) take the simpler form

$$S(N, NA): \quad N \dot{\underline{x}}(t) = NA \underline{x}(t) \quad (3.24a)$$

$$\underline{u}(t) = B'^+ \{\dot{\underline{x}} - A \underline{x}(t)\} \quad (3.24b)$$

If we now consider the family of systems derived from  $(A, B)$  under state feedback i.e.  $S(A+BL, B): \dot{\underline{x}}(t) = (A+BL)\underline{x}(t) + Bu(t)$ , then

$$N \dot{\underline{x}}(t) = N(A+BL) \underline{x}(t) \quad N \dot{\underline{x}}(t) = NA \underline{x}(t) \quad (3.25)$$

The above equation demonstrates that  $S(N, NA)$  does not characterise a particular element of  $S(A+BL, B)$  but the orbit itself; it is for this reason that  $S(N, NA)$  has been termed as a "feedback free" description [Kar. -1].

Differential systems of  $S(F, G)$  type also arise in the study of solutions of  $S_e$ , or  $S$  which are restricted to a given subspace  $V$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . This problem provides the basis for the dynamic, geometric and algebraic characterisation of subspaces of  $S_e$ , or  $S$ . Thus, let  $\underline{x}(t) \in V$  and write  $\underline{x}(t) = V \underline{v}(t)$ , where  $V$  is a basis matrix for  $V$ . Then eq (3.23a, b) yield

$$N'EV \dot{\underline{v}}(t) = N'A'V \underline{v}(t), \quad \underline{x}(t) = V \underline{v}(t) \quad (3.26a)$$

$$S_e(N'EV, N'A'V): \quad \underline{u}(t) = B'^+ \{E \dot{\underline{x}}(t) - A' \underline{x}(t)\} \quad (3.26b)$$

The system  $S_e(N'EV, N'A'V)$  has been termed as the input and  $V$  space restricted state mechanism model of  $S_e$ . Note that  $S_e(N'EV, N'A'V)$  is the key differential system for the development of an algebrogeometric theory of subspaces of  $S_e$  starting from simple dynamic problems; the formulation given above is an extension of the formulation given by Karcanias [Kar. -1] for  $S(A,B,C)$  systems and which have led to the matrix pencil characterisation of the geometric concepts ([Kar. -1], [Jaf. & Kar. -1]).

The autonomous differential systems defined above are intimately related with matrix pencils in the variable  $p=d/dt$ , or  $s$ , the Laplace variable. A summary of the various pencils which are important in linear systems is given in Table (3.1). For the regular state space case, the importance of the various pencils for linear systems is well established; for the extended state space theory although some results, similar in nature to the regular case, are known, but the general theory is not fully developed. Thus,  $T(p)$  characterises the pole structure (eigenvalues, eigenspaces). The pencils  $P(p)$ ,  $Z(p)$  characterise the zero structure (zeros, elementary output nulling subspaces) [MacF. & Kar. -2], [Kar. & Kav. -1]; the relationships between the invariants of the two pencils are given in [Kar. & MacB. -1]. The pencils  $C(p)$ ,  $Q(p)$  define the controllability properties and the pencils  $R(p)$ ,  $Y(p)$  characterise the observability properties; the relationships between the invariants of the corresponding pencils is given in [Kar. & MacB. -1]. The system net  $P(p,g)$  is instrumental in defining the characteristic frequency and characteristic gain algebraic functions [MacF. & Kar. -1] and thus it is related to the generalised Nyquist and Root locus theory [Post. & MacF. -1]. The pencil  $E(p)$  is the key tool in the algebraic characterisation of the various notions of invariant subspaces of the geometric theory [Kar. -1], [Jaf. & Kar. -1]. The theory of invariants and canonical forms in linear systems is based on the theory of strict equivalence of matrix pencils [Kal. -1], [Ros. -1],



Table (3.1): Matrix pencils in linear systems theory

<u>Extended state space</u> $E \dot{\underline{x}} = A' \underline{x} + B' \underline{u}$ $\underline{y} = C' \underline{x} + D' \underline{u}$	<u>Regular state space</u> $\dot{\underline{x}} = A \underline{x} + B \underline{u}$ $\underline{y} = C \underline{x} + D \underline{u}$	<u>Matrix pencil</u> $pF-G, p=d/dt$
$pE-A' \triangleq T_e(p)$	$pI-A \triangleq T(p)$	Pole pencil
$[pE-A', -B'] \triangleq C_e(p)$	$[pI-A, -B] \triangleq C(p)$	Input-state pencil
$\begin{bmatrix} pE-A' \\ -C' \end{bmatrix} \triangleq R_e(p)$	$\begin{bmatrix} pI-A \\ -C \end{bmatrix} \triangleq R(p)$	State-output pencil
$\begin{bmatrix} pE-A' & -B' \\ -C' & -D' \end{bmatrix} \triangleq P_e(p)$	$\begin{bmatrix} pI-A & -B \\ -C & -D \end{bmatrix} \triangleq P(p)$	Rosenbrock's system matrix pencil
$\begin{bmatrix} pE-A' & -B' & 0 \\ -C' & -D' & -I \end{bmatrix} \triangleq \Theta_e(p)$	$\begin{bmatrix} pI-A & -B & 0 \\ -C & -D & -I \end{bmatrix} \triangleq \Theta(p)$	Input-state-output pencil
$pN'E-N'A' \triangleq Q_e(p)$	$pN-NA \triangleq Q(p)$	Restricted-input-state pencil
$pEM'-A'M' \triangleq Y_e(p)$ $M, M'$ : Right annihilators of $C', C$	$pM-AM \triangleq Y(p)$	Restricted-state-output pencil
$pN'EM'-N'A'M' \triangleq Z_e(p)$ ( $D'=0$ )	$pNM-NAM \triangleq Z(p)$ ( $D=0$ )	Zero pencil
$pN'EV-N'A'V \triangleq \Xi_e(p)$	$pNV-NAV \triangleq \Xi(p)$	$V$ -restriction pencil
$\begin{bmatrix} pE-A' & -B' \\ -C' & gI-D' \end{bmatrix} \triangleq P_e(p, g)$ $m=\ell$	$\begin{bmatrix} pI-A & -B \\ -C & gI-D \end{bmatrix} \triangleq P(p, g)$ $m=\ell$	Closed-loop system net



[Thor. -1], [Mor. -1], [Bru. -1], [Kar. & MacB. -1]; the transformation groups associated with the particular canonical forms are defined by the special strict equivalence transformations which reduce a pencil from a given class to a Kronecher canonical form from the same class of pencils.

### 3.4 Autonomous differential systems, matrix pencils and duality

The generalised autonomous differential system  $S(F,G)$  has emerged as a unifying description for the study of properties in linear systems. Their importance has been further emphasized by their role in defining some important notions of duality [Kar. & Hay. -1,3]. The notion of "dual configuration" and of the "dual problem" originates from Projective geometry [Grun. & Wei. -1]; the essence of the "dual systems" defined next, is of similar nature to that of Projective geometry and is defined by the properties of strict equivalence invariants of homogeneous matrix pencils. The importance of the dual differential systems stems from that a "Principle of Duality" similar to that of Projective geometry may be stated for autonomous differential system; using this principle, if a proposition is true on one system, the dual proposition is true for the dual system.

For a pair  $(F,G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , we may always associate with it the differential systems [Kar. & Hay. -1]

$$S(F,G): F p \underline{x}(t) = G \underline{x}(t) \quad (3.27)$$

$$\tilde{S}(F,G): F^t p \tilde{\underline{x}}(t) = G^t \tilde{\underline{x}}(t) \quad (3.28)$$

$$\hat{S}(F,G): F \hat{\underline{x}}(t) = G p \hat{\underline{x}}(t) \Leftrightarrow F p^{-1} \hat{\underline{x}}(t) = G \hat{\underline{x}}(t) \quad (3.29)$$

$S(F,G)$  will be referred to as the prime system,  $\tilde{S}(F,G)$  as the transposed dual and  $\hat{S}(F,G)$  as the proper dual system, or simply dual. The duality between  $S(F,G)$  and  $\tilde{S}(F,G)$  has been termed as transposed duality and the duality between  $S(F,G)$  and  $\hat{S}(F,G)$  as differentiator-integrator duality, since  $p$  is the derivative operator and  $p^{-1}$  the integrator operator. The following diagram

summarises the relationships between the three systems

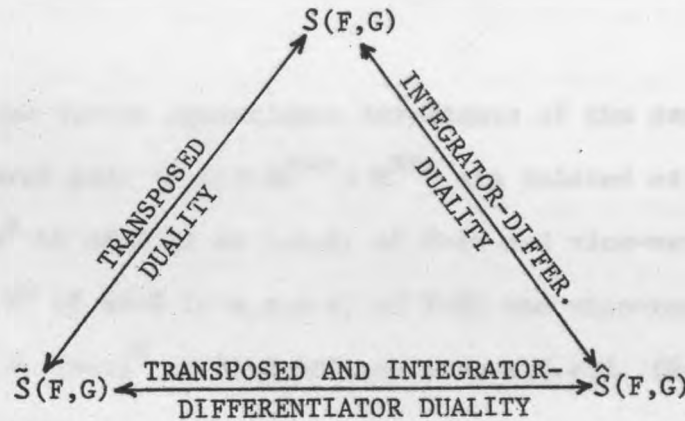


Figure (3.1)

Given that with  $S(F,G)$ ,  $\tilde{S}(F,G)$ ,  $\hat{S}(F,G)$  we may associate the pencils  $pF-G$ ,  $pF^t-G^t$ ,  $F-pG$  respectively, it is clear that the essence of the various types of duality depends on the relationships between the associated pencils. In the following we shall assume that the indeterminates in the pencils are the Laplace variables; infact, by taching Laplace transforms of (3.27), (3.28), (3.29) we have

$$S(F,G): \rightarrow (sF-G) \underline{x}(s) = F \underline{x}(0^-) \quad (3.30)$$

$$\tilde{S}(F,G): \rightarrow (\tilde{s}F^t-G^t) \underline{\tilde{x}}(\tilde{s}) = F^t \underline{\tilde{x}}(0^-) \quad (3.31)$$

$$\hat{S}(F,G): \rightarrow (F-\hat{s}G) \underline{\hat{x}}(\hat{s}) = G \underline{\hat{x}}(0^-) \quad (3.32)$$

where  $\underline{x}(0^-)$ ,  $\underline{\tilde{x}}(0^-)$ ,  $\underline{\hat{x}}(0^-)$  denote the initial conditions at  $t=0^-$  of the corresponding vectors,  $s$ ,  $\tilde{s}$ ,  $\hat{s}$  denote the Laplace variable and  $\underline{x}(s)$ ,  $\underline{\tilde{x}}(s)$ ,  $\underline{\hat{x}}(s)$  the Laplace transforms of  $\underline{x}(t)$ ,  $\underline{\tilde{x}}(t)$ ,  $\underline{\hat{x}}(t)$  respectively [Doe. -1]. The study of duality between  $S(F,G)$ ,  $\tilde{S}(F,G)$ ,  $\hat{S}(F,G)$ , is reduced to an investigation of the links between the pencils  $sF-G$ ,  $\tilde{s}F^t-G^t$ ,  $F-\hat{s}G$ ; it is clear that the homogeneous pencil  $sF-\hat{s}G$  is the appropriate tool for the establishment of the duality relationships.

The notions of duality defined above may be qualified algebraically in terms of relationships between the strict equivalence invariants of the as-

sociated pencils. These relationships are summarised below [Kar. & Hay. -1, 2].

Theorem (3.2): The strict equivalence invariants of the pencils  $sF-G$ ,  $F-\hat{s}G$  defined on a general pair  $(F,G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  are related as follows:

- (i) A z.e.d.  $s^p$  of  $sF-G$  is an i.e.d. of  $F-\hat{s}G$  and vice-versa.
- (ii) An i.e.d.  $\hat{s}^q$  of  $sF-G$  is a z.e.d. of  $F-\hat{s}G$  and vice-versa.
- (iii) A n.-z.f.e.d.  $(s-a)^T$  of  $sF-G$  defines a n.-z.f.e.d.  $(\hat{s}-1/a)^T$  of  $F-\hat{s}G$  and vice versa.
- (iv) The sets of c.m.i. and r.m.i. of  $sF-G$  and  $F-\hat{s}G$  are equal.

□

Clearly, the dominant characteristic in this type of duality is the "inversion" of frequency which is defined by the dual role of the different types of e.d.; since this duality is dominated by the relationships between the set of e.d., it has been called as elementary divisors type duality ([Kar. & Hay. -1,2]). It is worth pointing out that for singular pencils, not only the degrees but also the real spaces associated with polynomial vectors in  $N_r(sF-G)$ ,  $N_r(F-\hat{s}G)$ ,  $(N_\ell(sF-G), N_\ell(F-\hat{s}G))$  are related. Thus, we have [Kar. & Hay. -2]:

Corollary (3.2): Let  $\underline{x}(s) = \underline{x}_0 + \underline{x}_1 s + \dots + \underline{x}_n s^k \in \mathbb{R}^n[s]$  be such that  $(sF-G) \underline{x}(s) = \underline{0}$ . Then  $\underline{x}(s) = \underline{x}_0 s^k + \underline{x}_1 s^{k-1} + \dots + \underline{x}_k \in \mathbb{R}^n[s]$  also satisfies  $(F-\hat{s}G) \hat{\underline{x}}(\hat{s}) = \underline{0}$  and vice versa.

□

Clearly, the space  $R_x = \text{sp}\{\underline{x}_0, \underline{x}_1, \dots, \underline{x}_k\}$  characterises both vectors  $\underline{x}(s)$ ,  $\hat{\underline{x}}(\hat{s})$  and thus it is an invariant under this duality. A similar result may be stated for the generalised eigenspaces associated with the various types of e.d. (finite and infinite). For the duality between  $sF-G$  and  $\hat{s}F^t - G^t$  we have [Kar. & Hay. -1].

Theorem (3.3): The strict equivalence invariants of the pencils  $sF-G$ ,  $\bar{s}F^t-G^t$  defined on a general pair  $(F,G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  are related as follows:

- (i) The sets of z.e.d., n.-z.f.e.d., i.e.d. of  $sF-G$  and  $\bar{s}F^t-G^t$  are equal (modulo change of variables  $s$  to  $\bar{s}$ ).
- (ii) The set of c.m.i. of  $sF-G$  is equal to the set of r.m.i. of  $\bar{s}F^t-G^t$ .
- (iii) The set of r.m.i. of  $sF-G$  is equal to the set of c.m.i. of  $\bar{s}F^t-G^t$ .

□

It is because of the above property that such duality has been referred to as minimal index type duality. By combining the above two theorems we may express the duality between  $sF-G$  and  $F^t-\bar{s}G^t$  as follows:

Theorem (3.4): The strict equivalence invariant of the pencils  $sF-G$ ,  $F^t-\bar{s}G^t$  defined on a general pair  $(F,G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  are related as follows:

- (i) A z.e.d.  $s^p$  of  $sF-G$  is an i.e.d. of  $F^t-\bar{s}G^t$  and vice versa.
- (ii) An i.e.d.  $\bar{s}^q$  of  $sF-G$  is a z.e.d. of  $F^t-\bar{s}G^t$  and vice versa.
- (iii) A n.-z.f.e.d.  $(s-a)^T$  of  $sF-G$  defines a n.-z.f.e.d.  $(\bar{s}-1/a)^T$  of  $F^t-\bar{s}G^t$  and vice versa.
- (iv) The set of c.m.i. of  $sF-G$  is equal to the set of r.m.i. of  $F^t-\bar{s}G^t$ .
- (v) The set of r.m.i. of  $sF-G$  is equal to the set of c.m.i. of  $F^t-\bar{s}G^t$ .

□

The differential system defined on  $(F,G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  by

$$\bar{S}(F,G): F^t \bar{x}(t) = G^t p \bar{x}(t) \quad (3.33)$$

will be called the completely dual system of  $S(F,G)$  and the duality between  $S(F,G)$ ,  $\bar{S}(F,G)$  will be referred to as complete duality, or elementary divisor-minimal index duality. The duality notions discussed here may also be characterised dynamically (in terms of relationships between the basic solutions associated with each type of invariants); such a property has been used in [Kar. & Hay. -3] for the characterisation of infinite zeros of state space



models in terms of standard frequency transmission blocking problems [MacF. & Kar. -2] on appropriately defined dual system. It is worth noting that in this case, a uniquely defined impulsive solution (associated with i.e.d.) becomes the dual of a uniquely defined solution involving step, rump, etc. functions (associated with a z.e.d.). The various aspects of the duality notions will be further clarified in the following chapters.

### 3.5 Conclusions

The differential system  $S(F,G)$  has emerged as the unifying description for the study of properties and problems of regular and extended state space linear systems. The importance of  $S(F,G)$  descriptions is due to its intimate links to a rather simple in form, but rich in structure linear operator, the matrix pencil  $sF-G$ . The classical theory of matrix pencils deals with the algebraic structure of  $sF-G$  under strict equivalence. Almost all new developments in the theory of matrix pencils have been in the area of numerical analysis [Wilk. -1,2,3], [Stew. -1,2], [Van Dor. -1,3] etc.; however, until recently [Kar. & Hay. -1,2], [Ber. -1] the other aspects of the matrix pencil theory have not taken any significant attention. From the linear systems viewpoint, there is a need for further development of the classical theory especially in the direction of the geometric aspects of the theory. One of the major aims of the present work is to contribute in the enrichment of the classical theory of matrix pencils by exploring the geometric, number theoretic and more general invariant theory aspects; by transferring the new results on the differential system description  $S(F,G)$  the dynamic and "relativistic" aspects of the theory also emerge. The intimate link of  $S(F,G)$  descriptions with linear systems theory, indicates that matrix pencil theory, enriched with new results, may provide a general theory for linear systems based on the structure and properties of a single linear operator.



The importance of Segre' theory in the study of the standard eigenvalue-eigenvector problem motivates the study of extending the results from the context of the simple pencil  $sI-A$  to the general case  $sF-G$ . A geometric algebraic and dynamic theory of subspaces of the domain of  $(F,G)$  is developed. The characterisation of invariants from the number theoretic viewpoint provides the means for novel calculations of canonical forms of matrix pencils. The duality of  $S(F,G)$ ,  $\hat{S}(F,G)$  systems motivates the study of algebraic and geometric invariants of matrix pencils under Bilinear strict equivalence; it is through this study, that a "space-frequency relativistic" classification of properties of  $S(F,G)$  descriptions, and thus of linear systems, may be given.

# CHAPTER 4:

## 4.1 Introduction

# Number Theoretic and Geometric aspects of the strict equivalence invariants of Regular Pencils

of the standard algorithmic problem associated with the regular pencil  $A(\lambda) = \lambda^2 I + \lambda B + C$ , to the case of the generalized algorithmic problem associated with the regular pencil  $A(\lambda) = \lambda^2 I + \lambda B + C$ , with  $I$  not necessarily invertible.

The s.d. structure of the pencil  $A(\lambda)$  may be characterized from the number theoretic point of view by the Teyl and Very characterizations of each distinct algebraic of  $A$ ; the computation of the Jordan form is then reduced to a problem of constructing a Jordan's diagonal  $J(\lambda) = A(\lambda) - I$ . An essential part in the computation of a similarity transformation, which reduces  $A$  to its Jordan normal form is the action of the generalized null space of  $A$ , defined for each algebraic number  $\lambda$  (Def. 4.1.1); in fact the selection of linearly independent chains of generalized eigenvectors, characterizing each Jordan block corresponding to an algebraic number  $\lambda$ , is the property of the generalized null space of  $A$ . The Teyl, Very characterizations provide the number theoretic aspects of  $A(\lambda)$ , whereas the computation of the generalized null space (or the various distinct algebraic numbers) provides the tools for the study of the geometric properties of  $A(\lambda)$ , as they are expressed by chains of generalized eigenvectors.

At every root of an s.d. of  $A(\lambda)$ , there is defined a sequence of spaces of generalized eigenvectors is associated. This, provides the means for the characterization of the set of s.d. at  $\lambda = \alpha + i\beta$ , as

## CHAPTER 4: NUMBER THEORETIC AND GEOMETRIC ASPECTS OF THE STRICT EQUIVALENCE INVARIANTS OF REGULAR PENCILS

### 4.1 Introduction

The aim of this chapter is to provide a detailed study of the number theoretic and geometric aspects of the strict equivalence invariants of a regular homogeneous pencil  $sF - \hat{s}G$ . The main idea running throughout this chapter is the generalisation of the number theoretic and geometric aspects of the standard eigenvalue-eigenvector problem associated with the regular pencil  $sI - A$ ,  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , to the case of the generalised eigenvalue problem associated with the regular pencil  $sF - G$ ,  $F, G \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , with  $F$  not necessarily invertible.

The e.d. structure of the pencil  $sI - A$  may be characterised from the number theoretic point of view by the Segre and Weyr characteristics of each distinct eigenvalue of  $A$ ; the computation of the Jordan form is then reduced to a problem of constructing a Ferrer's diagram [Tur. & Ait - 1]. An essential part in the computation of a similarity transformation, which reduces  $A$  to its Jordan normal form is the notion of the generalised null space of  $A$ , defined for each distinct eigenvalue of  $A$  [Dor. - 1]; in fact the selection of linearly independent chains of generalised eigenvectors, characterising each Jordan block corresponding to an eigenvalue  $\lambda_i$ , makes use of the properties of the generalised nullspace of  $A$ . The Segre, Weyr characteristics provide the number theoretic aspects of  $sI - A$ , whereas the properties of the generalised nullspaces (for the various distinct eigenvalues) provide the basis for the study of the geometric properties of  $sI - A$ , as they are expressed by the chains of generalised eigenvectors.

With every root of an e.d. of  $sF - \hat{s}G$ , finite or infinite, a subspace spanned by generalised eigenvectors is associated. This, provides the means for the characterisation of the set of e.d. at  $s = \alpha \in \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$ , as

number invariants, defined by the nullspace properties of the  $\alpha$ -Toeplitz matrices  $P_{\alpha}^k(F, G)$ ,  $k=1, 2, \dots$ , which are completely specified by  $\alpha$  and the pair  $(F, G)$ . The notions of Segre, Weyr characteristics and the Ferrer's diagram are extended to the case of  $sF - \hat{s}G$ . An alternative way for computing the Segre characteristic at  $s = \alpha$  (different than that based on the Ferrer's diagram) is given; this new approach is based on properties of sequences defined by  $\alpha$  and  $(F, G)$ , which satisfy the piecewise arithmetic progression property.

The study of the geometry of the set of e.d. at  $s = \alpha$  is based on the properties of  $N_r\{P_{\alpha}^k(F, G)\} = N_{\alpha}^k$ ; the key tool in this study is the notion of a nested basis matrix  $N_{\alpha}^k$  of  $N_{\alpha}^k$ . The study of properties of the nested bases matrices of  $N_{\alpha}^k$  suggests the way we can select maximal independent chains characterising each e.d. at  $s = \alpha$  and it also provides a third method for computing the Segre characteristic of  $(F, G)$  at  $s = \alpha$ . The results presented here are generalisations and extensions of well-known facts for  $sI - A$  to the more general case of  $sF - \hat{s}G$ . Such a study provides also the means for an alternative method of constructing the Weierstrass form of a regular pencil.

#### 4.2 The $\alpha$ -Toeplitz matrices and the $k$ -th generalised nullspace of $(F, G)$ : preliminary results and definitions

In this section, a number of preliminary results are derived which lead to the definition of the  $\alpha$ -Toeplitz matrices associated with the pair  $(F, G)$  and to the definition of the  $k$ -th generalised nullspace of  $(F, G)$  at  $s = \alpha$ . For the  $n \times n$  regular pencil  $sF - \hat{s}G$ , the sets of e.d. corresponding to the same frequency (represented by an ordered pair) shall be denoted by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}(1, 0) &\triangleq \{s^{p_i}, i \in \mu, p_1 \leq \dots \leq p_{\mu}\}, \mathcal{D}(0, 1) \triangleq \{\hat{s}^{q_i}, i \in \nu, q_1 \leq \dots \leq q_{\nu}\} \\ \mathcal{D}(1, \alpha) &\triangleq \{(s - \alpha s)^{d_i}, i \in \tau, \alpha \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\}, d_1 \leq \dots \leq d_{\tau}\} \quad \text{or} \\ \mathcal{D}(\hat{\alpha}, 1) &\triangleq \{(\hat{\alpha} s - \hat{s})^{d_i}, i \in \tau, \hat{\alpha} = 1/\alpha \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\}, d_1 \leq \dots \leq d_{\tau}\} \end{aligned} \quad (4.1)$$

In the case of sF-G the sets  $\mathcal{D}(1,0), \mathcal{D}(0,1), \mathcal{D}(1,\alpha)$  will be denoted simply by  $\mathcal{D}(0), \mathcal{D}(\infty), \mathcal{D}(\alpha)$  and represent the sets of zero, infinite and  $\alpha$  e.d. respectively. For the case of  $F-\hat{s}G$ , the  $\mathcal{D}(1,0), \mathcal{D}(0,1), \mathcal{D}(\hat{\alpha},1)$  will be denoted simply by  $\hat{\mathcal{D}}(\infty), \hat{\mathcal{D}}(0), \hat{\mathcal{D}}(\hat{\alpha})$  correspondingly and represent the sets of infinite, zero and  $1/\alpha$  e.d. respectively.

The sets of e.d.  $\mathcal{D}(1,0), \mathcal{D}(0,1), \mathcal{D}(1,\alpha)$  define the Weierstrass form  $sF_w - \hat{s}G_w$  of sF-sG described by

$$sF_w - \hat{s}G_w = \text{diag}\{\dots; D_p(s, \hat{s}); \dots; J_d^\alpha(s, \hat{s}); \dots; \hat{D}_q(s, \hat{s}); \dots\} \quad (4.2)$$

where the blocks  $D_p(s, \hat{s}), J_d^\alpha(s, \hat{s}), \hat{D}_q(s, \hat{s})$  are defined by

$$\begin{aligned} D_p(s, \hat{s}) &= sI_p - \hat{s}H_p \rightarrow (s^p) \\ \hat{D}_q(s, \hat{s}) &= sH_q - \hat{s}I_q \rightarrow (\hat{s}^q) \\ J_d^\alpha(s, \hat{s}) &= sI_d - \hat{s}J_d(\alpha) \rightarrow (s - \alpha\hat{s})^d, \alpha \neq 0 \\ \text{OR} \quad J_d^{\hat{\alpha}}(s, \hat{s}) &= sJ_d(\hat{\alpha}) - \hat{s}I_d \rightarrow (\hat{\alpha}s - \hat{s})^d, \hat{\alpha} = 1/\alpha \end{aligned} \quad (4.3)$$

Note that (4.2) is the Complex Weierstrass form, since the set of e.d. is considered over  $\mathbb{C}$ . The pencil  $sF - \hat{s}G$  is reduced to  $sF_w - \hat{s}G_w$  by complex transformations  $(R, Q)$ , where  $R, Q \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  and  $|R|, |Q| \neq 0$ .

The elementary divisors of  $sF - \hat{s}G$  (finite and infinite) may be associated with maximal length linearly independent vector chains, as it is shown next. The case of finite, non-zero e.d. is considered first and then the results are extended to the 0 and  $\infty$  e.d. The existence of the vector chains is established by the following result.

Proposition (4.1): Let  $sF - \hat{s}G$  be an  $n \times n$  regular pencil and let  $\{(s - \alpha)^{d_i}, i \in \mathbb{I}\}$  be the set of  $\alpha$ -e.d. of sF-G and  $\{(\hat{s} - \hat{\alpha})^{\hat{d}_i}, i \in \mathbb{I}'\}$  be the set of  $\hat{\alpha}$ -e.d. of  $F - \hat{s}G$ .

(i) For every  $(s - \alpha)^{d_i}$  e.d. there exists a maximal chain of linearly



independent vectors  $\{\underline{x}_1^i, \underline{x}_2^i, \dots, \underline{x}_{d_i}^i\}$  such that

$$G\underline{x}_j^i = \alpha F\underline{x}_j^i + F\underline{x}_{j-1}^i, \quad j \in d_i, \quad \underline{x}_0^i = 0 \quad (4.4)$$

and with the further property that the set of vectors  $\{\underline{x}_1^1, \dots, \underline{x}_{d_1}^1; \dots; \underline{x}_1^\tau, \dots, \underline{x}_{d_\tau}^\tau\}$  is linearly independent.

(ii) For every  $(s-\alpha)^{d_i}$  e.d. there exists a maximal chain of linearly independent vectors  $\{\underline{x}_1^i, \underline{x}_2^i, \dots, \underline{x}_{d_i}^i\}$  such that

$$F\underline{x}_j^i = \alpha G\underline{x}_j^i + G\underline{x}_{j-1}^i, \quad j \in d_i, \quad \underline{x}_0^i = 0 \quad (4.5)$$

and with the further property that the set of vectors  $\{\underline{x}_1^1, \dots, \underline{x}_{d_1}^1; \dots; \underline{x}_1^\tau, \dots, \underline{x}_{d_\tau}^\tau\}$  is linearly independent.

#### Proof

(i) Let  $(R, Q)$  be a pair of matrices reducing  $sF-G$  to its Weierstrass form (4.2). Then, all blocks in  $\alpha F_w - G_w$  are nonsingular apart from those  $J_{d_i}^{\alpha_i}(s)$  for which  $\alpha = \alpha_i$ . For, every  $(s-\alpha)^{d_i}$  e.d. the corresponding block becomes

$$-\alpha I_{d_i} + J_{d_i}(\alpha) = H_{d_i} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & & & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & 1 \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

By choosing the set of standard basis vectors  $\{\underline{e}_1, \dots, \underline{e}_{d_i}\}$ ,  $\underline{e}_i \in \mathbb{R}^{d_i}$ , then it is clear that

$$J_{d_i}(\alpha)\underline{e}_j = \alpha I_{d_i}\underline{e}_j + I_{d_i}\underline{e}_{j-1}, \quad j \in d_i, \quad \underline{e}_0 = 0 \quad (4.6)$$

The set of vectors  $\{\underline{e}_j, j \in d_i\}$  is clearly linearly independent and the chain is maximal since any attempt to generate more independent vectors using the (4.6) algorithm fails. Consider now the vectors  $\{\underline{e}_1^i, \dots, \underline{e}_{d_i}^i\}$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  which have all their coordinates zero apart from the coordinates of the vectors  $\{\underline{e}_1, \dots, \underline{e}_{d_i}\}$  at the position of the  $-sI_{d_i} + J_{d_i}(\alpha)$  block, i.e.

$$\underline{e}_j^i = [0 \dots 0, \underline{e}_j^t, 0 \dots 0]^t$$

Then

$$G_{w-j} \underline{e}_j^i = \alpha F_{w-j} \underline{e}_j^i + F_{w-j-1} \underline{e}_j^i, \quad j \in \underline{d}_i, \quad \underline{e}_0^i = \underline{0}$$

By premultiplying the above by  $R$  and using the fact that  $QQ^{-1} = Q\hat{Q} = I_n$  we have

$$R G_w Q \hat{Q} \underline{e}_j^i = \alpha R F_w Q \hat{Q} \underline{e}_j^i + R F_w Q \hat{Q} \underline{e}_{j-1}^i, \quad j \in \underline{d}_i, \quad \underline{e}_0^i = \underline{0}$$

or

$$G\{\hat{Q} \underline{e}_j^i\} = \alpha F\{\hat{Q} \underline{e}_j^i\} + F\{\hat{Q} \underline{e}_{j-1}^i\}, \quad j \in \underline{d}_i$$

By setting  $\underline{x}_j^i = \hat{Q} \underline{e}_j^i$ ,  $j \in \underline{d}_i$ , eqn(4.4) is established. Given that the set of vectors  $\{\underline{e}_1^1, \dots, \underline{e}_{d_1}^1; \dots; \underline{e}_1^\tau, \dots, \underline{e}_{d_\tau}^\tau\}$  are independent, the set of vectors  $\{\underline{x}_1^1, \dots, \underline{x}_{d_1}^1; \dots; \underline{x}_1^\tau, \dots, \underline{x}_{d_\tau}^\tau\}$  is also independent since  $\hat{Q} = Q^{-1}$  has full rank.

The proof of part (ii) is similar. □

The existence of e.d. guarantees the existence of maximal and linearly independent chains of vectors which satisfy eqns(4.4) for  $sF-G$ , or (4.5) for  $F-\hat{s}G$ . The inverse problem is considered next.

Proposition (4.2): Let  $sF-\hat{s}G$  be an  $n \times n$  regular pencil.

(i) If there exists a maximal chain of linearly independent vectors  $\{\underline{x}_1, \dots, \underline{x}_d\}$  such that

$$G \underline{x}_j = \alpha F \underline{x}_j + F \underline{x}_{j-1}, \quad j \in \underline{d}, \quad \underline{x}_0 = \underline{0} \quad (4.7)$$

then  $sF-G$  has an e.d.  $(s-\alpha)^d$ .

(ii) If there exists a maximal chain of linearly independent vectors  $\{\hat{\underline{x}}_1, \dots, \hat{\underline{x}}_{d'}\}$  such that

$$F \hat{\underline{x}}_j = \hat{\alpha} G \hat{\underline{x}}_j + G \hat{\underline{x}}_{j-1}, \quad j \in \underline{d}', \quad \hat{\underline{x}}_0 = \underline{0} \quad (4.8)$$

then  $F-\hat{s}G$  has an e.d.  $(\hat{s}-\hat{\alpha})^{d'}$ .

Proof

(i) From (4.7) we have that

$$(G - \alpha F) \underline{x}_j = F \underline{x}_{j-1}, \quad j \in \underline{d}, \quad \underline{x}_0 = 0 \quad (4.9)$$

and thus for  $j=1$  we have that  $(G - \alpha F) \underline{x}_1 = 0$ ; this implies that  $sF - G$  loses rank at  $s = \alpha$  and thus  $sF - G$  has an e.d. at  $s = \alpha$ . We have to show that the degree of such an e.d. is  $d$ . Let  $(R, Q)$  be a pair of transformations such that  $R(sF - G)Q = sF_w - G_w$ . Premultiply (4.9) by  $R$  and define the coordinate transformation  $\underline{x}_j = Q \tilde{\underline{x}}_j$ ,  $j \in \underline{d}$ . Then, (4.9) yields

$$(G_w - \alpha F_w) \tilde{\underline{x}}_j = F_w \tilde{\underline{x}}_{j-1}, \quad j \in \underline{d}, \quad \tilde{\underline{x}}_0 = 0 \quad (4.10)$$

Assume that all blocks in  $G_w - \alpha F_w$  associated with  $\{(s - \alpha)^{d_i}, i \in \underline{\tau}\}$  e.d. are the last blocks in the Weierstrass form. Then

$$G_w - \alpha F_w = \text{diag}\{ \dots; J_{\tau_i}(\beta_i) - \alpha I_{\tau_i}; \dots; I_{q_i} - \alpha H_{q_i}; \dots; J_{d_1}(\alpha) - \alpha I_{d_1}; \dots; J_{d_\tau}(\alpha) - \alpha I_{d_\tau} \} \quad (4.11)$$

Clearly all blocks  $J_{\tau_i}(\beta_i) - \alpha I_{\tau_i}$ ,  $I_{q_i} - \alpha H_{q_i}$  associated with finite e.d.  $(s - \beta_i)^{\tau_i}$ ,  $\beta_i \neq \alpha$  and infinite e.d.  $s^{q_i}$  respectively are nonsingular; however, the blocks  $J_{d_i}(\alpha) - \alpha I_{d_i} = H_{d_i}$  for all  $i \in \underline{\tau}$  and thus they are singular. Let us now partition the vectors  $\tilde{\underline{x}}_j$  according to the partitioning of  $G_w - \alpha F_w$  as in (4.11), i.e.

$$\tilde{\underline{x}}_j = [\dots; \tilde{\underline{x}}_{\tau_i}^j; \dots; \tilde{\underline{x}}_{q_i}^j; \dots; \tilde{\underline{x}}_{d_\tau}^j]^t \quad (4.12)$$

where  $\tilde{\underline{x}}_{\tau_i}^j, \tilde{\underline{x}}_{q_i}^j$  are the subvectors of  $\tilde{\underline{x}}_j$  corresponding to the nonsingular blocks  $J_{\tau_i}(\beta_i) - \alpha I_{\tau_i}$ ,  $I_{q_i} - \alpha H_{q_i}$  respectively and  $\tilde{\underline{x}}_{d_\tau}^j$  is the subvector corresponding to the singular matrix  $\text{diag}\{J_{d_1}(\alpha) - \alpha I_{d_1}; \dots; J_{d_\tau}(\alpha) - \alpha I_{d_\tau}\} = \text{diag}\{H_{d_1}; \dots; H_{d_\tau}\}$ . Conditions (4.10) are then reduced to the following equivalent set of conditions

$$\{J_{\tau_i}(\beta_i) - \alpha I_{\tau_i}\} \tilde{x}_{\tau_i}^j = I_{\tau_i} \tilde{x}_{\tau_i}^{j-1}, \quad j \in \underline{d}, \quad \tilde{x}_{\tau_i}^0 = 0 \quad (4.13)$$

$$\{I_{q_i} - \alpha H_{q_i}\} \tilde{x}_{q_i}^j = H_{q_i} \tilde{x}_{q_i}^{j-1}, \quad j \in \underline{d}, \quad \tilde{x}_{q_i}^0 = 0 \quad (4.14)$$

and

$$\text{diag}\{H_{d_1}; \dots; H_{d_\tau}\} \tilde{x}_{-\alpha}^j = \tilde{x}_{-\alpha}^{j-1}, \quad j \in \underline{d}, \quad \tilde{x}_{-\alpha}^0 = 0 \quad (4.15)$$

For  $j=1$ , conditions (4.13) and (4.14) have as only possible solution

$\tilde{x}_{\tau_i}^1 = 0$ ,  $\tilde{x}_{q_i}^1 = 0$  respectively since the coefficient matrices are nonsingular; thus all vectors for  $j>1$  in (4.13) and (4.14) are zero and (4.12) yields

$$\tilde{x}_{-j} = [0 \dots 0; \tilde{x}_{-\alpha}^j]^t \quad (4.16)$$

For  $j=1$ , eqn(4.15) yields that

$$\tilde{x}_{-\alpha}^1 = [c_1^1, 0 \dots 0; c_1^2, 0 \dots 0; \dots, c_1^\tau, 0 \dots 0]^t \quad (4.17a)$$

$\xleftarrow{d_1} \quad \xleftarrow{d_2} \quad \quad \quad \xleftarrow{d_\tau}$

where  $c_1^j \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $j \in \underline{\tau}$  are constants. It is clear that the number of vector chains which may be generated is equal to the number of  $H_{d_i}$  blocks, or equal to the number of elementary divisors.

Let us now assume that  $d_1 = \dots = d_{\rho_1} = f_1 < d_{\rho_1+1} = \dots = d_{\rho_2} = f_2 < \dots < d_{\rho_{v-1}+1} = \dots = d_\tau = f_v$  be the ordered set of degrees of the e.d. at  $s=\alpha$  and let us define the vectors

$$\tilde{e}_{-1}^i = [0 \dots 0; 0 \dots 0; 1, 0, \dots, 0; 0 \dots 0; 0 \dots 0]^t \quad (4.17b)$$

$\xleftarrow{d_1} \quad \quad \quad \xleftarrow{d_i} \quad \quad \quad \xleftarrow{d_\tau}$

and the subspaces  $V_1 = \text{span}\{\tilde{e}_{-1}^1, \dots, \tilde{e}_{-1}^{\rho_1+1}\}$ ,  $V_2 = \text{span}\{\tilde{e}_{-1}^{\rho_1+1}, \dots, \tilde{e}_{-1}^{\rho_2+1}\}, \dots$ ,  $V_v = \text{span}\{\tilde{e}_{-1}^{\rho_{v-1}+1}, \dots, \tilde{e}_{-1}^\tau\}$ . Furthermore, let us denote by  $V_0 = V_1 \oplus \dots \oplus V_i \oplus \dots \oplus V_v$  and by  $V_{1,2,\dots,i} = V_{i+1} \oplus \dots \oplus V_v$ .

For all  $j \leq f_1$ , eqn(4.15) generates vectors  $\tilde{x}_{-\alpha}^j$ , which may be readily shown to have the following general form

$$\tilde{x}_{-\alpha}^j = [c_j^1, \dots, c_1^1, 0 \dots 0; \dots; c_j^i, \dots, c_1^i, 0 \dots 0; \dots; c_j^\tau, \dots, c_1^\tau, 0 \dots 0]^t \quad (4.17c)$$

$\xleftarrow{d_1} \quad \quad \quad \xleftarrow{d_i} \quad \quad \quad \xleftarrow{d_\tau}$

If  $\tilde{x}_\alpha^1 \in V_0$ , but  $\tilde{x}_\alpha^1 \notin V_1$  ( $\tilde{x}_\alpha^1$  has a nonzero projection on at least one of the vectors  $\{\tilde{e}_1^1, \dots, \tilde{e}_1^{\rho_1}\}$ ), then by using (4.15) for  $j=f_1+1$ , it may be readily shown that  $c_1^1 = \dots = c_1^{\rho_1} = 0$  which contradicts the assumption that  $\tilde{x}_\alpha^1 \notin V_1$ .

Thus, if  $\tilde{x}_\alpha^1 \notin V_1$  the maximal length of the chain is  $f_1$ ; note that any chain of length  $j < f_1$  is not maximal, since it may be completed by selecting linearly independent vectors up to  $j=f_1$ , as it is indicated by (4.17c).

Therefore, if  $\tilde{x}_\alpha^1 \notin V_1$  the length of the maximal chain is  $f_1$ .

Assume next that  $\tilde{x}_\alpha^1 \in V_1$ , but  $\tilde{x}_\alpha^1 \notin V_{1,2}$  ( $\tilde{x}_\alpha^1$  has no projection on  $\{\tilde{e}_1^1, \dots, \tilde{e}_1^{\rho_1}\}$ , and has at least a nonzero projection on  $\{\tilde{e}_1^{\rho_1+1}, \dots, \tilde{e}_1^{\rho_2}\}$ ).

For all  $j \leq f_2$ , the vectors generated by (4.15) have the general form

$$\tilde{x}_\alpha^j = [0, \dots, 0; \underbrace{c_j^{\rho_1+1}, \dots, c_j^{\rho_1+1}}_{d_{\rho_1+1}}, 0 \dots 0; \dots; \underbrace{c_j^\tau, \dots, c_j^\tau}_{d_\tau}, 0 \dots 0]^T \quad (4.17d)$$

If the chain has length greater than  $f_2$ , then for  $j=f_2+1$  it may be readily shown that  $c_1^{\rho_1+1} = \dots = c_1^{\rho_2} = 0$ , which contradicts the assumption that  $\tilde{x}_\alpha^1 \notin V_{1,2}$  by  $\tilde{x}_\alpha^1 \in V_1$ ; thus, in this case the maximal length is  $f_2$ . If the chain has length less than  $f_2$ , then it cannot be maximal, since (4.17d) may generate more linearly independent vectors up to  $f_2$  in number.

Using similar arguments it may be shown that if  $\tilde{x}_\alpha^1 \in V_{1, \dots, i}$  but  $\tilde{x}_\alpha^1 \notin V_{1, \dots, i, i+1}$ , then the chain has length  $f_{i+1}$  and thus the e.d. has degree  $f_{i+1}$ . The proof of part (ii) is similar.  $\square$

An obvious generalization of the above result is the following proposition.

Proposition (4.3): Let  $sF - \hat{s}G$  be an  $n \times n$  regular pencil.

(i) If there exist maximal chains of linearly independent vectors

$\{\underline{x}_1^i, \dots, \underline{x}_{d_i}^i\}$ ,  $i \in \rho$ , such that

$$G\underline{x}_j^i = \alpha F\underline{x}_j^i + F\underline{x}_{j-1}^i, \quad j \in \underline{d}_i, \quad \underline{x}_0^i = 0 \quad (4.18)$$

with the vector set  $\{\underline{x}_1^1, \dots, \underline{x}_{d_1}^1; \dots; \underline{x}_1^\rho, \dots, \underline{x}_{d_\rho}^\rho\}$  linearly independent, then



$sF-G$  has a set of e.d.  $\{(s-\alpha)^{d_1}, \dots, (s-\alpha)^{d_{\rho}}\}$ .

(ii) If there exist maximal chain of linearly independent vectors  $\{\hat{x}_1^i, \dots, \hat{x}_{d_i}^i\}$ ,  $i \in \rho'$ , such that

$$F\hat{x}_j^i = \hat{\alpha}G\hat{x}_j^i + G\hat{x}_{j-1}^i, \quad j \in d_i', \quad \hat{x}_0^i = 0 \quad (4.19)$$

with the vector set  $\{\hat{x}_1^1, \dots, \hat{x}_{d_1}^1; \dots; \hat{x}_1^{\rho'}, \dots, \hat{x}_{d_{\rho'}}^{\rho'}\}$  linearly independent, then  $F-\hat{s}G$  has a set of e.d.  $\{(\hat{s}-\hat{\alpha})^{d_1'}, \dots, (\hat{s}-\hat{\alpha})^{d_{\rho'}'}\}$ .  $\square$

By Propositions (4.1) and (4.2) a characterization of the set of e.d. of a regular pencil may be derived. Thus, we have:

Theorem (4.1): (i) The regular pencil  $sF-G$  has an e.d.  $(s-\alpha)^d$ , if and only if there exists a maximal chain of linearly independent vectors  $\{\underline{x}_1, \underline{x}_2, \dots, \underline{x}_d\}$  such that

$$G\underline{x}_i = \alpha F\underline{x}_i + F\underline{x}_{i-1}, \quad i \in d, \quad \underline{x}_0 = 0 \quad (4.20)$$

or equivalently

$$\begin{bmatrix} G-\alpha F & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ -F & G-\alpha F & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & -F & G-\alpha F \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \underline{x}_1 \\ \underline{x}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \underline{x}_d \end{bmatrix} = 0, \quad i \in d \quad (4.21)$$

(ii) The regular pencil  $F-\hat{s}G$  has an e.d.  $(\hat{s}-\hat{\alpha})^{d'}$ , if and only if there exists a maximal chain of linearly independent vectors  $\{\hat{x}_1, \dots, \hat{x}_{d'}\}$  such that

$$F\hat{x}_i = \hat{\alpha}G\hat{x}_i + G\hat{x}_{i-1}, \quad i \in d', \quad \hat{x}_0 = 0$$

or equivalently

$$\begin{bmatrix} F-\hat{\alpha}G & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ -G & F-\hat{\alpha}G & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & & \ddots & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & -G & F-\hat{\alpha}G \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{x}_1 \\ \hat{x}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \hat{x}_i \end{bmatrix} = 0, i \in \underline{d}' \quad (4.22)$$

□

By noting that e.d. of the type  $s^p$  and  $\hat{s}^q$  are special cases of  $(s-\alpha)^p$  for  $\alpha=0$  and  $(\hat{s}-\hat{\alpha})^q$  for  $\hat{\alpha}=0$  respectively and taking into account the duality of e.d. established in the previous section we have the following two results:

Corollary (4.1): The regular pencil  $sF-G$  ( $F-\hat{s}G$ ) has a zero e.d.

(infinite e.d.)  $s^p$  if and only if there exists a maximal linearly independent vector chain  $\{\underline{x}_1, \dots, \underline{x}_p\} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that

$$G\underline{x}_i = F\underline{x}_{i-1}, i \in p, \underline{x}_0 = 0 \quad (4.23)$$

or equivalently

$$\begin{bmatrix} G & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ -F & G & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & & \ddots & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & G & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & & -F & G \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \underline{x}_1 \\ \underline{x}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \underline{x}_{i-1} \\ \underline{x}_i \end{bmatrix} = 0, i \in p \quad (4.24)$$

□

Corollary (4.2): The regular pencil  $sF-G$  ( $F-\hat{s}G$ ) has an infinite e.d.

(zero e.d.)  $\hat{s}^q$  if and only if there exists a maximal linearly independent vector chain  $\{\underline{x}_1, \underline{x}_2, \dots, \underline{x}_q\} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that

$$F\underline{x}_i = G\underline{x}_{i-1}, i \in q, \underline{x}_0 = 0 \quad (4.25)$$

or equivalently

$$\begin{bmatrix} F & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ -G & F & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & & \ddots & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & F & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & -G & F \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \underline{x}_1 \\ \underline{x}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \underline{x}_{i-1} \\ \underline{x}_i \end{bmatrix} = 0, \quad i \in \mathbb{q} \quad (4.26)$$

The above results suggest that the finite and infinite e.d. of a regular pencil may be defined independently of the Smith algorithm originally used for their definition. In the following, the problem of computing the degrees of the e.d. as well as of the vector chains associated with them is examined.

Let  $sF-G$  be an  $n \times n$  regular pencil. For every  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ , we may define the following matrices associated with the pair  $(F, G)$ :

$$P_{\alpha}^1(F, G) = G - \alpha F \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}, \quad P_{\alpha}^2(F, G) = \begin{bmatrix} G - \alpha F & 0 \\ -F & G - \alpha F \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}^{2n \times 2n}$$

$$\dots, P_{\alpha}^i(F, G) = \begin{bmatrix} G - \alpha F & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ -F & G - \alpha F & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & & \ddots & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & G - \alpha F & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & -F & G - \alpha F \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}^{in \times in} \quad i=1, 2, \dots \quad (4.27)$$

For the case of  $s=\infty$  we define the matrices  $P_{\infty}^i(F, G)$  by

$$P_{\infty}^1(F, G) = F \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, \quad P_{\infty}^2(F, G) = \begin{bmatrix} F & 0 \\ -G & F \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{2n \times 2n}, \dots$$

$$\dots, P_{\infty}^i(F, G) = \begin{bmatrix} F & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ -G & F & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & & \ddots & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & F & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & -G & F \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{in \times in} \quad i=1, 2, \dots \quad (4.28)$$

The rank of the matrix  $P_{\alpha}^i(F, G)$  ( $P_{\infty}^i(F, G)$ ) shall be denoted by  $\rho_{\alpha}^i$  ( $\rho_{\infty}^i$ )

and the corresponding nullity (rank deficiency) shall be denoted by  $n_{\alpha}^i$  ( $n_{\infty}^i$ ) respectively, note that  $n_{\alpha}^i = n_i - \rho_{\alpha}^i$ . Matrices of the type  $P_{\alpha}^i(F, G)$ ,  $P_{\infty}^i(F, G)$  shall be referred to as i-th order  $\alpha$ -,  $\infty$ -Toeplitz matrices of  $(F, G)$  respectively; some important notions associated with them are defined next.

Definition (4.1): (i) We define as the index of annihilation of  $(F, G)$  at  $s = \alpha$  ( $s = \infty$ ), the smallest integer  $\tau_{\alpha}$  ( $\tau_{\infty}$ ) for which  $n_{\alpha}^{\tau_{\alpha}} = n_{\alpha}^{\tau_{\alpha}+1}$  ( $n_{\infty}^{\tau_{\infty}} = n_{\infty}^{\tau_{\infty}+1}$ ).  
(ii) Let  $N_{\alpha}^i = N_r(P_{\alpha}^i(F, G))$  ( $\alpha$  is finite or infinite) and let  $N_{\alpha}^i \in \mathbb{C}^{n_i \times n_i}$  be a basis matrix for  $N_{\alpha}^i$  (a right annihilator of  $P_{\alpha}^i(F, G)$ ). Let  $M_{\alpha}^i \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n_{\alpha}^i}$  be the submatrix of  $N_{\alpha}^i$  which is made up from the last  $n$  rows of  $N_{\alpha}^i$ . The vector space  $M_{\alpha}^i = \text{col.span}\{M_{\alpha}^i\}$  is defined as the i-th generalized null space of  $(F, G)$  at  $s = \alpha$ .

The above notions are natural extensions of the notions of index of annihilation and generalized nullspace defined on linear operators, to the case of a pair of linear operators. The spectral analysis of regular matrix pencils heavily relies on those two notions. We start off by stating the following preliminary result.

Proposition (4.4): Let  $sF - G$  be a  $n \times n$  regular pencil. The following properties hold true:

- (i) The i-th generalized nullspaces of  $(F, G)$  at  $s = \alpha$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots$  is non-trivial ( $\neq \{0\}$ ) if and only if  $G - \alpha F$  is singular.
- (ii) The i-th generalized nullspaces of  $(F, G)$  at  $s = \alpha$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots$  are nested, i.e.  $M_{\alpha}^i \subseteq M_{\alpha}^{i+1}$  for  $\forall i = 1, 2, \dots$  and the chain  $M_{\alpha}^1, M_{\alpha}^2, \dots, M_{\alpha}^i$  has a maximal element  $M_{\alpha}^*$ .

#### Proof

There are two possible cases:  $G - \alpha F$  nonsingular and  $G - \alpha F$  singular. If  $|G - \alpha F| \neq 0$ , then because of the upper triangular structure of  $P_{\alpha}^i(F, G)$ ,  $P_{\alpha}^i(F, G)$  are nonsingular and thus,  $N_{\alpha}^i = \{0\}$  and  $M_{\alpha}^i = \{0\}$ . The upper triangular structure of  $P_{\alpha}^i(F, G)$  and the fact that  $G - \alpha F$  is on the diagonal guarantees

that the  $N_\alpha^i \neq \{0\}$ . In order to show that  $M_\alpha^i \neq \{0\}$  we apply induction. Thus, for  $i=1$ ,  $P_\alpha^1(F, G) = G - \alpha F$  and since  $|G - \alpha F| = 0$  there exists a right annihilator  $N_\alpha^1 = X_1^1 \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times \eta_\alpha^1}$  of  $G - \alpha F$ , i.e.

$$[G - \alpha F]X_1^1 = 0, \quad X_1^1 \neq 0$$

Thus,  $M_\alpha^1 \neq \{0\}$ . For  $i=2$ ,  $P_\alpha^2(F, G)$  becomes

$$P_\alpha^2(F, G) = \begin{bmatrix} G - \alpha F & 0 \\ -F & G - \alpha F \end{bmatrix}$$

Clearly, the nullity of  $P_\alpha^2(F, G)$  is greater or equal to the nullity of  $P_\alpha^1(F, G)$  since the columns of the matrix  $\bar{N}_\alpha^2$ , where

$$\bar{N}_\alpha^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ X_1^1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \leftarrow \eta_\alpha^1 \rightarrow \\ \uparrow n \\ \downarrow n \end{matrix}$$

are in  $N_\alpha^2$ . Starting from  $\bar{N}_\alpha^2$  we may complete the basis of  $N_\alpha^2$  and obtain a right annihilator of  $P_\alpha^2(F, G)$  of the form

$$N_\alpha^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & X_1^1 \\ X_1^1 & X_2^2 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}^{2n \times \eta_\alpha^2}$$

Since the columns of  $X_1^1$  are linearly independent,  $\text{sp}\{[X_1^1, X_2^2]\} \neq \{0\}$  and thus  $M_\alpha^2 \neq \{0\}$ ; furthermore,  $\text{sp}\{[X_1^1]\} \subseteq \text{sp}\{[X_1^1, X_2^2]\}$ . Assume now that  $N_\alpha^i$  is a right annihilator of  $P_\alpha^i(F, G)$ , where

$$N_\alpha^i = \begin{bmatrix} & & & 0 & X_i^1 \\ & & & \ddots & \vdots \\ & & 0 & \ddots & \vdots \\ & 0 & X_1^1 & \ddots & X_{i-2}^{i-2} \\ & & X_3^1 & \ddots & X_{i-1}^{i-1} \\ 0 & X_2^1 & X_3^2 & \ddots & X_i^i \\ X_1^1 & X_2^2 & X_3^3 & \ddots & X_i^i \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}^{ni \times \eta_\alpha^i}$$

and  $M_\alpha^i = \text{sp}\{[X_1^1, \dots, X_i^i]\} \neq \{0\}$ . Then we may write that



$$P_{\alpha}^{i+1}(F, G) = \left[ \begin{array}{c|ccc} G - \alpha F & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \hline -F & & & \\ 0 & & & P_{\alpha}^i(F, G) \\ \vdots & & & \\ 0 & & & \end{array} \right]$$

and clearly the columns of  $\bar{N}_{\alpha}^i$ , where

$$\bar{N}_{\alpha}^i = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 0 & \\ \hline N_{\alpha}^i & \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{c} \uparrow n \\ \downarrow ni \\ \leftarrow n^i_{\alpha} \end{array}$$

are independent and in  $N_{\alpha}^{i+1}$ . If  $\eta_{\alpha}^{i+1} > \eta_{\alpha}^i$ , then the columns of  $\bar{N}_{\alpha}^i$  may be completed to a basis of  $N_{\alpha}^{i+1}$ . A right annihilator of  $P_{\alpha}^{i+1}(F, G)$  is then of the form

$$N_{\alpha}^{i+1} = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 0 & X_{i+1}^1 \\ \hline N_{\alpha}^i & X_{i+1}^{i+1} \end{array} \right]$$

Thus,  $M_{\alpha}^{i+1} = \text{sp}\{[X_1^1, \dots, X_i^i, X_{i+1}^{i+1}]\} \neq \{0\}$  and  $M_{\alpha}^i \subseteq M_{\alpha}^{i+1}$ . If  $\eta_{\alpha}^{i+1} = \eta_{\alpha}^i$ , then  $\bar{N}_{\alpha}^i$  is a right annihilator of  $P_{\alpha}^{i+1}(F, G)$  and  $M_{\alpha}^i = M_{\alpha}^{i+1}$ .

Note that  $M_{\alpha}^i \in \mathbb{C}^n$  and thus there is an upper bound for  $\dim M_{\alpha}^i$ ; the nesting property  $M_{\alpha}^i \subseteq M_{\alpha}^{i+1}$  implies then the existence of a maximal element  $M_{\alpha}^*$ .  $\square$

The following Corollary is readily established from the above result.

Corollary (4.3): Let  $sF - G$  be an  $n \times n$  regular pencil and let  $G - \alpha F$  be singular for  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ . There exists a basis for  $N_{\alpha}^i$  of the type

$$N_{\alpha}^i = \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|cccc} 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & X_i^1 & & \\ \vdots & & & & \cdot & X_i^2 & & \\ \vdots & & & & \cdot & X_i^3 & & \\ & & & & \cdot & \vdots & & \\ & & 0 & & & X_{i-2}^{i-2} & & \\ & & 0 & X_1^1 & & X_{i-1}^{i-1} & & \\ & & 0 & X_2^1 & X_2^2 & X_{i-1}^{i-1} & & \\ & 0 & X_1^1 & X_2^1 & X_2^2 & X_i^{i-1} & & \\ X_1^1 & X_2^1 & X_3^1 & \dots & X_i^1 & & & \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & \dots & 0 & X_i^1 \\ \hline & & & \vdots \\ N_{\alpha}^{i-1} & & & X_{i-1}^{i-1} \\ & & & X_i^{i-1} \\ & & & X_i^i \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{c} \uparrow n \\ \downarrow \end{array} \quad (4.29)$$

where  $N_\alpha^{i-1}$  is a basis matrix for  $N_\alpha^{i-1}$ ,  $X_1^1$  a basis matrix for  $N_\alpha^1$  and the columns of  $X_j^1$ ,  $j=2,3,\dots,i$  are in  $N_\alpha^1$ . □

Remark (4.1): The subspaces  $N_\alpha^i$ ,  $i=1,2,\dots$  are nontrivial ( $\neq\{0\}$ ), if and only if  $G-\alpha F$  is singular; the matrix  $G-\alpha F$ , however, is nonsingular if and only if the regular pencil  $sF-G$  has a set of e.d. at  $s=\alpha$ . Thus, it follows that the subspaces  $N_\alpha^i$  ( $N_\infty^i$ ) are nontrivial if and only if  $sF-G$  has a set of e.d. at  $s=\alpha$  ( $s=\infty$ ).

#### 4.3 Segré, Weyr characteristics, and the piecewise arithmetic progression sequences of $(F,G)$ at $s=\alpha$ ( $\infty$ )

In this section, attention is focussed on the investigation of the links between the properties of  $N_\alpha^i$  ( $N_\infty^i$ ) and the structure of the e.d. set of  $sF-G$  at  $s=\alpha$ . The result of the present analysis is the introduction of two alternative procedures for the computation of the set of degrees of the e.d. at  $s=\alpha$  ( $s=\infty$ ) of  $sF-\hat{s}G$ , rather than the Smith form based definition of them. The results will be presented for  $s=\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ , whereas the case of  $s=\infty$  is similar (simply use  $P_\infty^i(F,G)$  instead of  $P_\alpha^i(F,G)$ ). We start off by giving the following useful result.

Lemma (4.1): Let  $H = \text{diag}\{H_1, \dots, H_\nu\} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ , where

$$H_i = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & & & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{d_i \times d_i}$$

$d_1 \leq d_2 \leq \dots \leq d_\nu$ ,  $N_k = N_r\{H^k\}$  and  $n_k = \dim N_k$ . Then, the following properties hold true:

- (i) The set of subspaces  $N_i$  is nested, i.e.  $N_i \subseteq N_{i+1}$  and the chain has a maximal element  $N^* = \mathbb{R}^d$ , where  $d = \sum_{i=1}^n d_i$ .
- (ii) The smallest index  $\tau$  for which  $N_{\tau-1} \subset N_\tau = N^*$  is called the index of annihilation of  $H$  and  $\tau = \max\{d_i, i \in \mathbb{N}\}$ .

(iii)  $\eta_k = \sum_{i=1}^v \eta_i^k$  where  $\eta_i^k = d_i$  if  $k \geq d_i$  and  $\eta_i^k = k$  if  $k < d_i$ .

### Proof

It is clear that  $H^k = \text{diag}\{H_1^k, \dots, H_v^k\}$  for all  $k=1, 2, \dots$ . Because of the block-diagonal structure of  $H^k$ ,  $N_r\{H^k\}$  is defined as a direct sum of the null spaces corresponding to the  $H_i^k$  matrices. Note, that if  $k \geq d_i$ , then  $H_i^k = 0$  and if  $k < d_i$ , then

$$H_i^k = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 1 & & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & & \ddots & 1 \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & & & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & & & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ d_i - k \\ \downarrow \end{array} \quad (4.30a)$$

and thus a basis matrix for  $N_r\{H_i^k\}$  is defined by

$$N_{d_i}^k = I_{d_i} \text{ if } k \geq d_i \text{ and } N_{d_i}^k = \begin{bmatrix} I_k \\ \text{---} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ if } k < d_i \quad (4.30b)$$

By inspection of the above it is clear that  $N_n\{H_i^k\} \subseteq N_r\{H_i^{k+1}\}$  with equality holding only when  $k \geq d_i$ . Since  $N_r\{H^k\}$  may be expressed as a direct sum of the nullspaces associated with the  $H_i^k$  blocks, it follows that  $N_i \subseteq N_{i+1}$ . Clearly the smallest index for which  $N_\tau = N_{\tau+1}$  is  $\tau = \max\{d_i, i \in \mathcal{V}\}$ , because this is minimal value of  $j$  for which  $H^j = 0$  and thus  $N_\tau = \mathbb{R}^d$ , where  $d = \sum_{i=1}^v d_i$ . Because  $\eta_k = \dim N_r\{H^k\} = \sum_{i=1}^v \dim N_r\{H_i^k\}$  and the special structure of  $H_i$ , we have that if  $k < d_i$ , then  $\eta_i^k = \dim N_r\{H_i^k\} = k$  and if  $k \geq d_i$ , then  $\eta_i^k = d_i$  since  $H_i^k = 0$  and  $\dim N_r\{H_i^k\} = d_i$ . □

**Theorem (4.3):** Let  $sF - G$  be an  $n \times n$  regular pencil, let  $G - \alpha F$  be singular at  $s = \alpha$  and let  $\{(s - \alpha)^{d_1}, \dots, (s - \alpha)^{d_v}\}$  be the set of e.d. at  $s = \alpha$ . The following properties hold true:

- (i)  $\eta_\alpha^k = \dim N_\alpha^k = \sum_{i=1}^v \eta_i^k$ , where  $\eta_i^k = d_i$ , if  $k \geq d_i$  and  $\eta_i^k = k$ , if  $k < d_i$ .
- (ii)  $\dim M_\alpha^k = \dim N_\alpha^k = \eta_\alpha^k$ .
- (iii) The smallest integer  $\tau$  for which  $M_\alpha^{\tau-1} \subset M_\alpha^\tau = M_\alpha^{\tau+1} = M_\alpha^*$ , is the index of annihilation  $\tau_\alpha$  of  $(F, G)$  at  $s = \alpha$ ;  $\tau_\alpha = \max\{d_i, i \in \mathcal{V}\}$  and  $\dim M_\alpha^* = d = \sum_{i=1}^v d_i$ .

Proof

(i) It is clear that if  $R, Q \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ ,  $|R|, |Q| \neq 0$ , then  $\text{rank}\{P^i(F, G)\} = \text{rank}\{\text{diag}\{R, \dots, R\} P_\alpha^i(F, G) \text{diag}\{Q, \dots, Q\}\}$  and thus, the rank property may be tested by using the Weierstrass canonical pair  $(F_w, G_w)$ . Assume  $G_w - \alpha F_w$  in the Weierstrass form, defined by (4.11); the blocks  $J_{\tau_i}(\beta_i) - \alpha I_{\tau_i}$ ,  $I_{q_i} - \alpha H_{q_i}$  are non-singular, since  $\beta_i \neq \alpha$ , and thus we may write

$$G_w - \alpha F_w = \begin{bmatrix} T & 0 \\ 0 & H \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $T$  is the block diagonal matrix made up from the non-singular blocks and  $H = \text{diag}\{H_1, \dots, H_v\}$ , where  $H_i = J_{d_i}(\alpha) - \alpha I_{d_i} \in \mathbb{R}^{d_i \times d_i}$ . Note that  $\eta_\alpha^k = \dim N_r\{P_\alpha^k(F_w, G_w)\}$  and thus  $\eta_\alpha^k$  is defined by finding the maximal number of linearly independent solutions of the equation

$$P_\alpha^k(F_w, G_w) \tilde{x} = 0$$

Let  $\sum_{i=1}^v d_i = d$  and  $\sigma = n - d$ . By partitioning  $\tilde{x}$  according to the partitioning of  $P_\alpha^k(F_w, G_w)$  we have that the following conditions must be satisfied for every  $k$

$$\begin{bmatrix} T & 0 & & \\ 0 & H & & \\ \hline D & 0 & T & 0 \\ 0 & I_d & 0 & H \\ \hline & & \ddots & \\ & & D & 0 & T & 0 \\ & & 0 & I_d & 0 & H \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{x}_1 \\ \tilde{x}_1 \\ \tilde{x}_2 \\ \tilde{x}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \tilde{x}_k \\ \tilde{x}_k \end{bmatrix} = 0, \quad D \in \mathbb{R}^{\sigma \times \sigma} \quad (4.31)$$

It may be readily verified that the above equation is equivalent to the following two equations

$$\begin{bmatrix} T & & & & \\ & D & T & & \\ & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & D & T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{x}_1 \\ \tilde{x}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \tilde{x}_k \end{bmatrix} = 0 \quad (4.32a)$$

and

$$\begin{bmatrix} H & & & & \\ & I_d & H & & \\ & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & I_d & H \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{x}_1 \\ \hat{x}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \hat{x}_k \end{bmatrix} = 0 \quad (4.32b)$$

Given that  $T$  is nonsingular, eqn(4.32a) has as the only solution the  $\tilde{x}_1 = \tilde{x}_2 = \dots = \tilde{x}_k = 0$ ; thus,  $\eta_\alpha^k$  is defined by the number of independent solutions of (4.32b). Eqn(4.32b) is equivalent to

$$H\hat{x}_1 = 0, \hat{x}_1 = H\hat{x}_2, \dots, \hat{x}_{k-1} = H\hat{x}_k \quad (4.32c)$$

or equivalently

$$\hat{x}_1 = H\hat{x}_2, \hat{x}_2 = H\hat{x}_3, \dots, \hat{x}_{k-1} = H\hat{x}_k, H^k \hat{x}_k = 0 \quad (4.32d)$$

Let  $\hat{x}_k$  be a right annihilator of  $H^k$ . Conditions (4.32d) suggest that matrices  $\hat{x}_i$  may be defined by

$$\hat{x}'_{k-1} = H\hat{x}_k, \hat{x}'_{k-2} = H^2\hat{x}_k, \dots, \hat{x}'_{k-j} = H^j\hat{x}_k \quad (4.32e)$$

and thus

$$\hat{x}'_{k-j} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{x}_k^{k-j} \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ j \\ \downarrow \end{matrix} \quad (4.43f)$$

where  $\hat{x}_k^{k-j}$  is the submatrix of  $\hat{x}_k$  formed from the last  $k-j$  rows.

Clearly the row space of the matrices



$$\hat{X} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{X}'_1 \\ \vdots \\ \hat{X}'_{k-1} \\ \hat{X}_k \end{bmatrix}, \quad X = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \hat{X}'_1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ \hat{X}'_{k-1} \\ 0 \\ \hat{X}_k \end{bmatrix} \quad (4.32g)$$

are equal to the row space of  $\hat{X}_k$ .  $X$ , however, is a right annihilator of  $P_{\alpha}^k(F_w, G_w)$  and thus  $\eta_{\alpha}^k = \dim N_{\alpha}^k$  is equal to the number of independent rows, or columns of  $\hat{X}_k$ , or otherwise equal to  $\dim N_r\{H^k\}$ . Thus,  $\dim M_{\alpha}^k = \eta_{\alpha}^k = \dim N_r\{H^k\}$  and by Lemma (4.1) the proof of part (i) and part (ii) is established.

(iii) Since  $X$ , as defined by (4.32g), is a right annihilator of  $P_{\alpha}^k(F_w, G_w)$  and  $\hat{X}_k$  is a right annihilator of  $H^k$  (full rank matrix),  $N_{\alpha}^i$  and thus  $M_{\alpha}^i$  become maximal when  $N_r\{H^k\}$  becomes maximal. By Lemma (4.1)  $N_r\{H^k\}$  becomes maximal for  $k \geq \max\{d_i, i \in \mathcal{V}\}$ ; the smallest integer  $\tau_{\alpha}$  for which  $N_{\alpha}^{\tau_{\alpha}-1} \subset N_{\alpha}^{\tau_{\alpha}} = N_{\alpha}^{\tau_{\alpha}+1}$  is clearly  $\tau_{\alpha} = \max\{d_i, i \in \mathcal{V}\}$  for which  $N_r\{H^{\tau_{\alpha}-1}\} \subset N_r\{H^{\tau_{\alpha}}\} = N_r\{H^{\tau_{\alpha}+1}\}$ . For  $k \geq \max\{d_i, i \in \mathcal{V}\}$ ,  $H^k = 0$  and thus  $\hat{X}_k = I_d$ ,  $d = \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} d_i$ . Thus,  $\dim M_{\alpha}^* = d = \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} d_i$ . □

The above result establishes the links between the spaces  $N_{\alpha}^i$ ,  $M_{\alpha}^i$  and the degrees of the e.d. at  $s=\alpha$  and thus provides the basis for the definition of the degrees of the e.d. at  $s=\alpha$  without resorting to the construction of the Smith form. The maximal subspace  $M_{\alpha}^*$  plays an important role in the determination of the chains of vectors associated with the set of e.d. and shall be referred to as the maximal generalized nullspace of  $(F,G)$  at  $s=\alpha$ . Before we examine the geometry of the e.d. set of  $(F,G)$  at  $s=\alpha$ , a number of important results characterising the e.d. as numerical invariants of the pair  $(F,G)$  are given first. Some useful notation is introduced first. Let  $\sigma_i$  be the multiplicity of the e.d,  $(s-\alpha)^{d_i}$ ; the ordered pair  $(d_i, \sigma_i)$  characterises such e.d. The

ordered set  $I = \{(d_1, \sigma_1), \dots, (d_\rho, \sigma_\rho), d_1 < \dots < d_\rho\}$  characterises the totality of the e.d. of sF-G at  $s=\alpha$  and shall be referred to as the index set of  $(F, G)$  at  $s=\alpha$ .

Corollary (4.4): Let sF-G be a regular pencil,  $G-\alpha F$  singular and let  $\{(d_1, \sigma_1), \dots, (d_\rho, \sigma_\rho); d_1 < \dots < d_\rho\}$  be the index set of  $(F, G)$  at  $s=\alpha$ . The dimensions  $\eta_k$  of the subspaces  $N_\alpha^k$  of  $(F, G)$  at  $s=\alpha$  satisfy the following properties:

(i) If  $d_i \leq k < d_{i+1}$ , then

$$\eta_k = \sum_{j=1}^i \sigma_j d_j + k(\sigma_{i+1} + \dots + \sigma_\rho) \quad (4.33)$$

and  $\eta_k = k(\sigma_1 + \dots + \sigma_\rho)$  if  $k < d_1$  and  $\eta_k = \sum_{i=1}^{\rho} \sigma_i d_i$  if  $k \geq d_\rho$ .

(ii) For all  $k=0, 1, 2, \dots$ , then  $\eta_{k+1} - \eta_k = \sigma_i + \dots + \sigma_\rho$ , where  $\sigma_i, \dots, \sigma_\rho$  are the multiplicities of the e.d.  $(s-\alpha)^{d_i}$  for which  $k < d_i < \dots < d_\rho$  and  $\eta_0 = 0$ . For  $k \geq d_\rho$ ,  $\eta_{k+1} - \eta_k = 0$ .

#### Proof

(i) The proof of part (i) follows immediately from part (i) of Theorem (4.3) by adopting the notation introduced before.

(ii) If  $d_1 < \dots < d_i < \dots < d_\rho$  are the degrees of the e.d. at  $s=\alpha$  then the following possibilities exist

(a)  $d_{i-1} \leq k < k+1 < d_i$ . Then, by (4.33) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_{k+1} - \eta_k &= \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \sigma_j d_j + (k+1)(\sigma_i + \dots + \sigma_\rho) - \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \sigma_j d_j - k(\sigma_i + \dots + \sigma_\rho) \\ &= \sigma_i + \dots + \sigma_\rho \end{aligned}$$

(b)  $d_{i-1} \leq k < k+1 = d_i$ . Then, by (4.33) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_{k+1} - \eta_k &= \sum_{j=1}^i \sigma_j d_j + d_i(\sigma_{i+1} + \dots + \sigma_\rho) - \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \sigma_j d_j - (d_i - 1)(\sigma_i + \dots + \sigma_\rho) \\ &= \sigma_i + \dots + \sigma_\rho \end{aligned}$$

(c)  $d_\rho \leq k < k+1$ . Then, by part (i) we have  $\eta_{k+1} = \eta_k$  and  $\eta_{k+1} - \eta_k = 0$ .

(d)  $k=0$ . Then,  $\eta_0=0$  and  $\eta_1=\sigma_1+\dots+\sigma_\rho$ . Thus,  $\eta_1-\eta_0=\sigma_1+\dots+\sigma_\rho$ . □

The above corollary provides the means for the computation of the e.d. structure of  $(F,G)$  at  $s=\alpha$  by using the dimensions of the subspaces  $N_\alpha^k$ , or the nullities of the  $P_\alpha^k(F,G)$  matrices.

Remark (4.2): The differences  $\eta_{k+1}-\eta_k$  provide the following information about the e.d. structure of  $sF-G$  at  $s=\alpha$ .

- (i)  $\eta_1-\eta_0=\sigma_1+\dots+\sigma_\rho$  is the number of e.d. at  $s=\alpha$ .
- (ii) The smallest index  $k$  for which  $\eta_{k+1}-\eta_k=0$  gives the index of annihilation  $\tau_\alpha$ , which is also equal to the maximal degree  $d_\rho$ .
- (iii) The difference  $\eta_{k+1}-\eta_k$  defines the number of e.d. with degrees higher than  $k$ .

The computation of the complete set of degrees and multiplicities makes use of the following result.

Corollary (4.5): For all  $k=1,2,\dots$ , the numbers  $\eta_k$  satisfy the relationship

$$\eta_k \geq \frac{\eta_{k-1} + \eta_{k+1}}{2} \quad (4.34)$$

In particular, we have that

- (i) Strict inequality holds if and only if  $k$  is the degree of an e.d. of  $(F,G)$  at  $s=\alpha$ .
- (ii) Equality holds if and only if  $k$  is not the degree of an e.d.

#### Proof

Necessary and sufficient condition for the  $\eta_k$  to be nonzero is that  $sF-G$  has a set of e.d. at  $s=\alpha$ . Assume, then that  $\{(d_1, \sigma_1), \dots, (d_\rho, \sigma_\rho)\}$  be the set of ordered pairs of degrees and multiplicities. We may distinguish the following cases:

- (a)  $k > d_\rho$ . Then, by Corollary (4.4) we have  $\eta_{k+1}-\eta_k=0=\eta_k-\eta_{k-1}$  and thus (4.34) holds with the equality sign.
- (b)  $d_{i-1} \leq k-1 < k < k+1 \leq d_i$ . Then, by Corollary (4.4) we have  $\eta_k-\eta_{k-1}=\sigma_i+\dots+\sigma_\rho$

and  $\eta_{k+1} - \eta_k = \sigma_i + \dots + \sigma_\rho$  from which the equality sign holds true.

(c)  $d_{i-1} \leq k-1 < k = d_i < k+1 \leq d_{i+1}$ . Then, by Corollary (4.4) we have

$\eta_k - \eta_{k-1} = \sigma_i + \dots + \sigma_\rho$ ,  $\eta_{k+1} - \eta_k = \sigma_{i+1} + \dots + \sigma_\rho$  and thus  $\eta_k - \eta_{k-1} > \eta_{k+1} - \eta_k$  and the inequality sign holds true.

(d) If  $k=1=d_1 < 2 \leq d_2$ , then  $\eta_1 - \eta_0 = \sigma_1 + \dots + \sigma_\rho$  and  $\eta_2 - \eta_1 = \sigma_2 + \dots + \sigma_\rho$  and thus inequality holds true.

(e) If  $k=1 < 2 \leq d_1$ , then  $\eta_1 - \eta_0 = \sigma_1 + \dots + \sigma_\rho$  and  $\eta_2 - \eta_1 = \sigma_1 + \dots + \sigma_\rho$ , from which the equality sign holds true.

The above analysis proves the necessity of part (i) and (ii). The sufficiency is proved by contradiction. Thus, let us first assume that inequality holds true for some  $k$  and that  $k$  is not the degree of an e.d. Then cases (a), (b), or (e) are the only possibilities for  $k$ . Clearly, in either of these cases equality holds and this leads to a contradiction. Similarly, if we assume that equality holds for some  $k$  which is the degree of an e.d., then the only possible cases are (c) and (d) which clearly imply that inequality holds true, thus contradicting our assumption.  $\square$

The above result results in a very important property of the non-decreasing sequence of natural numbers  $\eta_0, \eta_1, \dots, \eta_i, \dots$ . For all  $k$  integers which are not degrees of e.d., the numbers  $\eta_k$  satisfy the arithmetic progression relationship (APR)  $\eta_k = 1/2(\eta_{k-1} + \eta_{k+1})$ . For those values of  $k$  which coincide with degrees of e.d., the arithmetic progression relationship is violated since  $\eta_k > 1/2(\eta_{k-1} + \eta_{k+1})$ . The sequence  $\eta_0, \eta_1, \dots, \eta_i, \dots$  is partitioned by those values of  $k$  which correspond to the degrees of the e.d. If  $d_1 < d_2 < \dots < d_\rho$  are the possible degrees of elementary divisors, then the numbers  $\eta_{d_i}, \eta_{d_i+1}, \dots, \eta_{d_{i+1}-1}, \eta_{d_{i+1}}$  are elements of an arithmetic progression sequence (APS), since  $\eta_k = 1/2(\eta_{k-1} + \eta_{k+1})$  for  $k = d_i+1, \dots, d_{i+1}-1$ ; this relationship that holds in the  $(d_i+1, \dots, d_{i+1}-1)$  range of  $k$  values cannot be continued in the



$(d_{i-1}+1, \dots, d_i-1)$ , or  $(d_{i+1}+1, \dots, d_{i+2}-1)$  since  $\eta_{d_i} > 1/2(\eta_{d_{i+1}} + \eta_{d_{i-1}})$  and  $\eta_{d_{i+1}} > 1/2(\eta_{d_{i+1}+1} + \eta_{d_{i+1}-1})$ . The number  $\delta_{d_i} = (\eta_{d_i} - \eta_{d_{i-1}}) - (\eta_{d_{i+1}} - \eta_{d_i}) = 2\eta_{d_i} - \eta_{d_{i-1}} - \eta_{d_{i+1}}$  is a measure of discontinuity, or deviation between the APR holding in  $(d_{i-1}+1, \dots, d_i-1)$  and  $(d_{i+1}+1, \dots, d_{i+1}-1)$  respectively. The sequence  $\eta_0, \eta_1, \dots, \eta_i, \dots$  therefore satisfies the arithmetic progression type relationships in finite sets of successive natural numbers; the only points where such relationships do not hold (but become inequalities) are the degrees of the e.d. Such a sequence will be referred to as piecewise arithmetic progression sequence (PAPS) of  $(F, G)$  at  $s=\alpha$ ; the value of  $k=d_i$ , where there is a discontinuity in the APR, will be referred to as a singular point and the number  $\delta_{d_i}$  will be called the gap of the sequence at  $k=d_i$ .

With these observations in mind we can state the following result relating the PAPS  $\eta_0, \eta_1, \dots, \eta_i$  of  $(F, G)$  at  $s=\alpha$  with the index set of  $(F, G)$  at  $s=\alpha$ .

Proposition (4.5): Let  $\eta_0, \eta_1, \dots, \eta_i, \dots$  be the PAPS of  $(F, G)$  at  $s=\alpha$ .

Then

- (i) An index  $k=d_i$  is a singular point of the sequence, if and only if  $d_i$  is the degree of an e.d. of  $sF-G$  at  $s=\alpha$ .
- (ii) If  $k=d_i$  is a singular point, then the gap  $\delta_{d_i}$  at  $k=d_i$  is equal to the multiplicity  $\sigma_{d_i}$  of the e.d. at  $s=\alpha$  with degree  $d_i$ .

Proof

Part (i) follows immediately by Corollary (4.5). Since  $k=d_i$  is the degree of an e.d., then by Corollary (4.4) we have that  $\eta_k - \eta_{k-1} = \sigma_i + \sigma_{i+1} + \dots + \sigma_\rho$  and  $\eta_{k+1} - \eta_k = \sigma_{i+1} + \dots + \sigma_\rho$  and thus  $\delta_{d_i} = (\eta_k - \eta_{k-1}) - (\eta_{k+1} - \eta_k) = \sigma_i$ . □

By finding the singular points of the PAPS,  $\eta_0, \eta_1, \dots, \eta_i, \dots$  and the corresponding gaps, the index set of  $(F, G)$  at  $s=\alpha$  is defined. The analysis



presented so far leads to the following procedure for the determination of the degrees of the e.d. at  $s=\alpha$ .

Piecewise arithmetic progression sequence diagram (PAPSD): Compute the numbers  $\eta_0, \eta_1, \eta_2, \dots, \eta_k, \dots$ , with  $\eta_0=0$  until we find the first index  $\tau$  for which  $\eta_\tau = \eta_{\tau+1}$ . Then,  $\tau$  is the index of annihilation of  $(F,G)$  at  $s=\alpha$ . Compute then the gaps of the PAPS, i.e.

$$\delta_i = 2\eta_i - \eta_{i-1} - \eta_{i+1} \quad \text{for } i=1, 2, \dots, \tau, \tau+1, \eta_0=0$$

and form a table of the following type: For every index  $i$  there is a value  $\delta_i \geq 0$ ; if  $\delta_i=0$  a dot is placed below  $\delta_i$  and if  $\delta_i > 0$ , then we create a column with asterisks below  $\delta_i$ , with the number of asterisks being equal to the value of  $\delta_i$ . This procedure is illustrated by the following diagram:

index:  $1, 2, \dots, i-1, i, i+1, \dots, \tau, \tau+1$

gap :  $\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_{i-1}, \delta_i, \delta_{i+1}, \dots, \delta_\tau, \delta_{\tau+1}$

.	*	.	*	.	*	.
:	:	:	:	:	:	:
*	:	:	:	:	:	:
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	*		*		*	

Fig.(4.1)

The indices characterised by dots do not correspond to degrees of e.d., whereas those characterised by asterisks define the degrees of the e.d.

The number of asterisks in a column gives the multiplicity of the e.d. whose degree is the corresponding index. Thus for instance, in the above diagram we have e.d. with degrees  $2, i, \tau$ ; the multiplicities indicated by this diagram are  $2, 4, 3$  respectively.

The above procedure will be illustrated later on by an example. An alternative technique, which may be used for determining the index set of  $(F,G)$  at  $s=\alpha$  is discussed next. The following procedure is a

generalisation of the standard procedure used for finding the Jordan blocks of a square matrix  $A$ , which is based on the notions of Weyr and Segre characteristics and used a Ferrer's type diagram for the partitioning of natural numbers [Turn&Ait].

The extensions of the standard notions used in the analysis of the  $sI-A$  pencil to the case of  $sF-G$  regular pencil is considered first.

**Definition (4.2):** Let  $sF-G$  be a regular pencil,  $G-\alpha F$  singular and let  $\eta_0, \eta_1, \dots, \eta_i, \dots$  be the nullities of  $P_\alpha^i(F, G)$ ,  $i=0, 1, \dots, i, \dots$ , where  $P_\alpha^0(F, G) \triangleq I_n$ . We may define the following:

(i) The Segré characteristic of  $(F, G)$  with respect to  $\alpha$  is defined as the set of the first nonzero differences of the powers to which the scalar factor  $(s-\alpha)$  occurs in  $|sF-G|$  and in the H.C.F.s of its minors of descending order. Clearly, if  $\{(d_1, \sigma_1), \dots, (d_\rho, \sigma_\rho); d_1 < \dots < d_\rho\}$  is the index set at  $s=\alpha$  of  $(F, G)$ , then the Segré characteristic at  $s=\alpha$  is defined by

$$S_\alpha(F, G) = \{d_\rho, \dots, d_\rho; \dots; d_i, \dots, d_i; \dots; d_1, \dots, d_1\} \quad (4.35)$$

$$\leftarrow \sigma_\rho \rightarrow \quad \leftarrow \sigma_i \rightarrow \quad \leftarrow \sigma_1 \rightarrow$$

(ii) The set of the first nonzero successive differences in  $\eta_0, \eta_1, \dots, \eta_i, \dots$  is defined as the Weyr characteristic of  $(F, G)$  at  $s=\alpha$  and it is denoted by  $W_\alpha(F, G)$ . Clearly, if  $\tau$  is the index of annihilation of  $(F, G)$  at  $s=\alpha$ , then

$$W_\alpha(F, G) = \{\gamma_1 = \eta_1 - \eta_0, \gamma_2 = \eta_2 - \eta_1, \dots, \gamma_\tau = \eta_\tau - \eta_{\tau-1}\} \quad (4.36)$$

The Weyr characteristic contains all the information we need to define the Segré characteristic, as it is shown by the following result.

**Proposition (4.6):** Let  $S_\alpha(F, G), W_\alpha(F, G)$  be the Segré, Weyr characteristics respectively of  $sF-G$  at  $s=\alpha$ , as denoted by (4.35) and (4.36), correspondingly. Then,

- (i)  $\gamma_j \geq \gamma_{j+1}$  for all  $j=1,2,\dots,\tau$  and  $\gamma_{k+1}=0$  for all  $k=\tau,\tau+1,\dots$
- (ii) The strict inequality  $\gamma_k > \gamma_{k+1}$  holds true if and only if  $k=d_i$ , where  $d_i$  is a Segre index (element of  $S_\alpha(F,G)$ ). The multiplicity  $\sigma_i$  of  $d_i$  is then defined by  $\sigma_i = \gamma_{d_i} - \gamma_{d_i+1}$ . □

The above result is an alternative presentation of Proposition (4.6) and thus its proof is omitted. The proposition suggests a method for computing  $S_\alpha(F,G)$  from  $W_\alpha(F,G)$ , which is known as a Ferrer's diagram [Turn & Ait].

Ferrer's diagram: Let  $W_\alpha(F,G) = \{\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_{\tau_\alpha}\}$  be the Weyr characteristic of  $(F,G)$  at  $\alpha$ . For every number  $\gamma_i$  create a row with asterisks. In each row we put as many asterisks as the numbers  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_{\tau_\alpha}$  respectively. Then we count the number of asterisks in each column. This gives us the elements of the Segre characteristic  $S_\alpha(F,G)$  of  $(F,G)$  at  $s=\alpha$ . An illustration of this diagram is shown below:

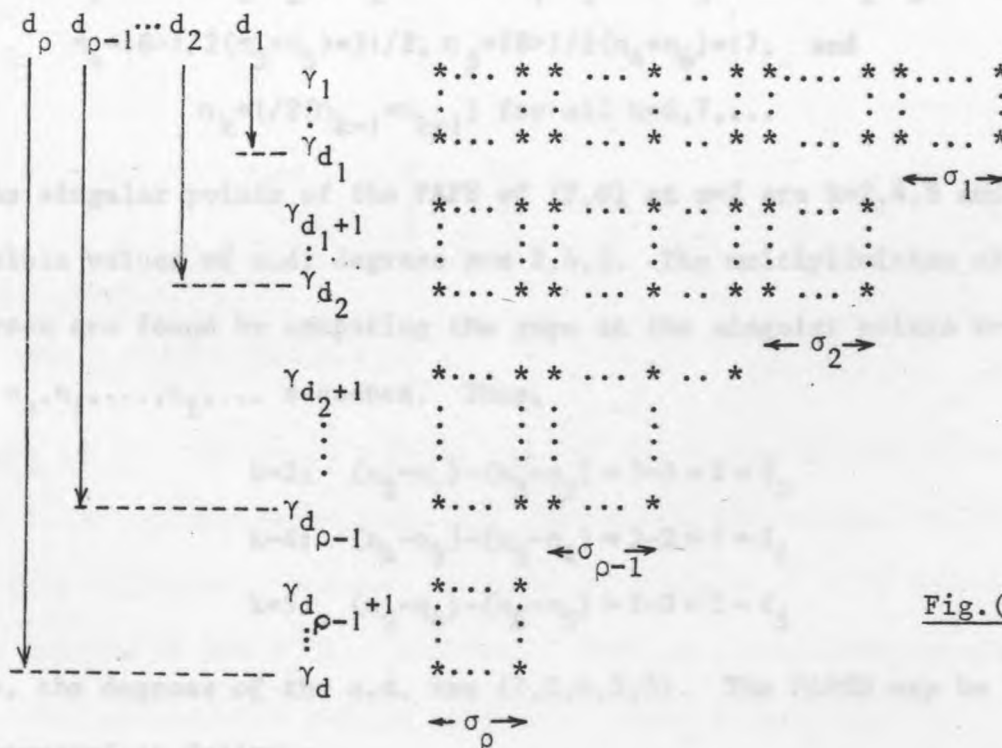


Fig.(4.2)

An example demonstrating the determination of the index set of the pair  $(F,G)$  at  $s=\alpha$ , using both methods discussed before is given next.

Example (4.1): Let  $sF-G$  be a  $20 \times 20$  regular pencil and let  $G-2F$  be rank deficient. The pencil  $sF-G$  has e.d. of the type  $(s-2)^{d_i}$ ; the degrees and numbers of such e.d. may be found as follows: Let the ranks of  $P_2^i(F,G)$  and the corresponding nullities be

$$\rho_0 = 20, \rho_1 = 15, \rho_2 = 30, \rho_3 = 47, \rho_4 = 64, \rho_5 = 82, \rho_6 = 102$$

$$\eta_0 = 0, \eta_1 = 5, \eta_2 = 10, \eta_3 = 13, \eta_4 = 16, \eta_5 = 18, \eta_6 = 18$$

Since  $\eta_1=5$  we have 5 e.d. and let  $d_1 \leq d_2 \leq d_3 \leq d_4 \leq d_5$  be their corresponding degrees. The index of annihilation is  $\tau=5$  and thus  $d_5=5$ ; because  $\eta_5=18$ , we also have  $d_1+d_2+d_3+d_4+d_5=18$ . The prediction of the distinct degrees may be achieved by using the piecewise arithmetic progression property of the sequence  $\eta_0, \eta_1, \dots$ , or by using the Ferrer diagram.

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$$\eta_1=5=1/2(\eta_0+\eta_2), \eta_2=10>1/2(\eta_1+\eta_3)=9, \eta_3=13=1/2(\eta_2+\eta_4)$$

$$\eta_4=16>1/2(\eta_3+\eta_5)=31/2, \eta_5=18>1/2(\eta_4+\eta_6)=17, \text{ and}$$

$$\eta_k=1/2(\eta_{k-1}+\eta_{k+1}) \text{ for all } k=6,7,\dots$$

The singular points of the PAPS of  $(F,G)$  at  $s=2$  are  $k=2,4,5$  and thus the possible values of e.d. degrees are 2,4,5. The multiplicities of the degrees are found by computing the gaps at the singular points  $k=2,4,5$  of the  $\eta_0, \eta_1, \dots, \eta_i, \dots$  sequence. Thus,

$$k=2: (\eta_2-\eta_1) - (\eta_3-\eta_2) = 5-3 = 2 = \delta_2$$

$$k=4: (\eta_4-\eta_3) - (\eta_5-\eta_4) = 3-2 = 1 = \delta_4$$

$$k=5: (\eta_5-\eta_4) - (\eta_6-\eta_5) = 2-0 = 2 = \delta_5$$

Thus, the degrees of the e.d. are  $(2,2,4,5,5)$ . The PAPSD may be readily constructed as follows:

PAPS diagram:

index:	1	2	3	4	5	6
gap :	$\delta_1$	$\delta_2$	$\delta_3$	$\delta_4$	$\delta_5$	$\delta_6$
	.	*	.	*	*	.
		*		*	*	

and thus the e.d. have degrees  $\{5,5,4,2,2\}$ .

The alternative technique based on the Ferrer's diagram is illustrated next.

Ferrer's diagram:

$$W_\alpha(F,G) = \{\eta_1 - \eta_0 = 5, \eta_2 - \eta_1 = 5, \eta_3 - \eta_2 = 3, \eta_4 - \eta_3 = 3, \eta_5 - \eta_4 = 2\}$$

The Ferrer's diagram is

$\gamma_1 = 5$	*	*	*	*	*
$\gamma_2 = 5$	*	*	*	*	*
$\gamma_3 = 3$	*	*	*		
$\gamma_4 = 3$	*	*	*		
$\gamma_5 = 2$	*	*			
	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
	5	5	4	2	2

and thus  $S_\alpha(F,G) = \{5,5,4,2,2\}$ .  $\square$

Remark (4.3): The results presented for the determination of the degrees of e.d. at  $s=\alpha$  may also be applied for finding the degrees of e.d. at  $s=\infty$ . The only difference, however, is that the matrices  $P_\infty^i(F,G)$  have now to be used instead of the  $P_\alpha^i(F,G)$  matrices. This is a mere consequence of the fact that an infinite e.d. of  $sF-G$  is a zero-e.d. of  $F-\hat{s}G$ .

#### 4.4 The structure of nested basis matrices and the maximal generalised nullspace of $(F,G)$ at $s=\alpha$ ( $\infty$ )

The analysis so far has produced two procedures for the determination of





Corollary (4.6): Let  $P_{\alpha}^{k,1} \in \mathbb{C}^{kn \times n_k}$  be a right annihilator of  $P_{\alpha}^k(F, G)$  and let  $M_{\alpha}^k$  be the submatrix of  $P_{\alpha}^{k,1}$  made up from the last  $n$  rows of  $P_{\alpha}^{k,1}$ . Then  $M_{\alpha}^k$  is a basis matrix of the  $k$ -th generalised nullspace  $N_{\alpha}^k$  of  $(F, G)$  at  $s = \alpha$ .

Proof

From the proof of Theorem (4.3) we have that  $X$  is a right annihilator of  $P_{\alpha}^k(F_w, G_w)$ , and that  $\hat{X}_k$  has full rank. A basis matrix for  $N_{\alpha}^k$  is given by  $P_{\alpha}^{k,1} = \text{diag}\{Q^{-1}, \dots, Q^{-1}\}X$ , where  $Q$  is the right transformation used in the reduction of  $(F, G)$  to its Weierstrass form. Thus,  $M_{\alpha}^k = Q^{-1}\hat{X}_k$  has full rank and thus it is a basis matrix for  $N_{\alpha}^k$ .  $\square$

Clearly, the above result also applies to the case of nested basis matrices of  $N^k$ . Thus, we have the following remark.

Remark (4.4): The submatrix  $[X_1^1, X_2^2, \dots, X_i^i] \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n_i}$  of  $N_{\alpha}^k$  in (4.37) has rank  $n_i$ . The submatrices  $X_1^1, X_2^2, \dots, X_i^i$  have dimensions  $n \times n_1, n \times (n_2 - n_1), \dots, n \times (n_i - n_{i-1})$  correspondingly and their respective ranks are  $n_1, n_2 - n_1, \dots, n_i - n_{i-1}$ . By Corollary (4.5), we also have that  $n_1 \geq n_2 - n_1 \geq \dots \geq n_i - n_{i-1}$ .

The problem considered next is the establishment of the relationship between two nested basis matrices of  $N_{\alpha}^i$ ; as a result of this study a canonical decomposition of all nested basis matrices will be given.

Proposition (4.7): Let  $N_{\alpha}^i, \tilde{N}_{\alpha}^i$  be two basis matrices for  $N_{\alpha}^i$  of the type (4.37). Then,

$$\tilde{N}_{\alpha}^i = N_{\alpha}^i P_i \quad (4.38a)$$

where

$$P_i = \begin{bmatrix} P_1^1 & P_1^2 & \dots & P_1^i \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \bigcirc & \dots & \dots & P_i^i \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}^{n_i \times n_i} \quad (4.38b)$$

where  $P_j^j$  are  $(\eta_j - \eta_{j-1}) \times (\eta_j - \eta_{j-1})$  nonsingular matrices and  $j=1,2,\dots,i$  ( $\eta_0=0$ ).

### Proof

The result is proved by induction. In fact, we prove it for  $i=1,2,3$  and the generalisation is rather trivial.

(a)  $i=1$ : Clearly,  $\tilde{X}_1^1, X_1^1$  are basis matrices for  $N_r\{G-\alpha F\}$  and thus

$$\tilde{X}_1^1 = X_1^1 P_1^1, P_1^1 \in \mathbb{C}^{\eta_1 \times \eta_1}, |P_1^1| \neq 0.$$

(b)  $i=2$ :  $N_\alpha^2, \tilde{N}_\alpha^2$  as basis matrices of  $N_r\{P_\alpha^2(F,G)\}$  are related by

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & \tilde{X}_2^1 \\ \tilde{X}_1^1 & \tilde{X}_2^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & X_2^1 \\ X_1^1 & X_2^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} P_1^1 & P_1^2 \\ P_2^1 & P_2^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

from which

$$\tilde{X}_2^1 = X_2^1 P_2^2, X_2^1 P_2^1 = 0 \quad (4.39a)$$

$$\tilde{X}_1^1 = X_1^1 P_1^1 + X_2^2 P_2^1, \tilde{X}_2^2 = X_1^1 P_1^2 + X_2^2 P_2^2 \quad (4.39b)$$

Since  $\tilde{X}_1^1, X_1^1$  are basis matrices of  $N_r\{G-\alpha F\}$  we have that  $\tilde{X}_1^1 = X_1^1 \tilde{P}_1^1$ , where  $\tilde{P}_1^1 \in \mathbb{C}^{\eta_1 \times \eta_1}$ ,  $|\tilde{P}_1^1| \neq 0$  and thus by the first of (4.39b) we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} X_1^1 & X_2^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{P}_1^1 - P_1^1 \\ P_2^1 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \quad (4.39c)$$

Because  $[X_1^1, X_2^2] \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times \eta_2}$ ,  $\eta_2 \leq n$ , and by Corollary (4.6) has full rank, then  $P_2^1 = 0$  and  $\tilde{P}_1^1 = P_1^1$  and this completes the proof for  $i=2$ .

(c)  $i=3$ : The  $N_\alpha^3, \tilde{N}_\alpha^3$  basis matrices of  $N_r\{P_\alpha^3(F,G)\}$  are related by

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \tilde{X}_3^1 \\ 0 & \tilde{X}_2^1 & \tilde{X}_3^2 \\ \tilde{X}_1^1 & \tilde{X}_2^2 & \tilde{X}_3^3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & X_3^1 \\ 0 & X_2^1 & X_3^2 \\ X_1^1 & X_2^2 & X_3^3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} P_1^1 & P_1^2 & P_1^3 \\ P_2^1 & P_2^2 & P_2^3 \\ P_3^1 & P_3^2 & P_3^3 \end{bmatrix}$$

from which

$$x_{3p_3}^1 = 0, x_{3p_3}^2 = 0, x_{3p_3}^3 = \tilde{x}_3^1 \quad (4.40a)$$

$$x_{2p_2}^1 + x_{3p_3}^2 = 0, x_{2p_2}^2 + x_{3p_3}^3 = \tilde{x}_2^1, x_{2p_2}^3 + x_{3p_3}^3 = \tilde{x}_3^2 \quad (4.40b)$$

$$x_{1p_1}^1 + x_{2p_2}^2 + x_{3p_3}^3 = \tilde{x}_1^1, x_{1p_1}^2 + x_{2p_2}^3 + x_{3p_3}^3 = \tilde{x}_2^2, x_{1p_1}^3 + x_{2p_2}^3 + x_{3p_3}^3 = \tilde{x}_3^3 \quad (4.40c)$$

As in step (b),  $\tilde{x}_1^1 = x_{1p_1}^1$  and thus from the first of (4.40c)

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1^1 & x_2^2 & x_3^3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p_1^1 - \tilde{p}_1^1 \\ p_2^1 \\ p_3^1 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \quad (4.40d)$$

$[x_1^1, x_2^2, x_3^3] \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n_3}$ ,  $n_3 \leq n$ , and by Corollary (4.6) has full rank. Thus,  $p_1^1 = \tilde{p}_1^1$ ,  $p_2^1 = 0$ ,  $p_3^1 = 0$ .

By step (b) we have that  $\tilde{x}_2^2 = x_{1p_1}^2 + x_{2p_2}^2$ ; by substituting into the second of (4.40c) equations we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1^1 & x_2^2 & x_3^3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p_1^2 - \tilde{p}_1^2 \\ p_2^2 - \tilde{p}_2^2 \\ p_3^2 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \quad (4.40e)$$

and thus  $p_1^2 = \tilde{p}_1^2$ ,  $p_2^2 = \tilde{p}_2^2$ ,  $p_3^2 = 0$ . The proof is readily completed by induction.  $\square$

From the above proof we also have the following Remark.

Remark (4.5): Let  $N_\alpha^i, \tilde{N}_\alpha^i$  be two nested bases of  $N_r\{P_\alpha^i(F, G)\}$  and let  $P_i$  be the transformation of the type (4.38b) for which  $\tilde{N}^i = N^i P_i$ . If  $N_\alpha^{i+1}, \tilde{N}_\alpha^{i+1}$  are basis matrices of  $N_r\{P_\alpha^{i+1}(F, G)\}$  obtained from  $N_\alpha^i, \tilde{N}_\alpha^i$  by extension as in (4.37), then

$$\tilde{N}_\alpha^{i+1} = N_\alpha^{i+1} P_{i+1} \quad (4.41a)$$

where

$$P_{i+1}) = \begin{bmatrix} & & & P_{i+1}^{i+1} \\ & & & \vdots \\ P_i) & & & 1 \\ & & & \vdots \\ & & & P_{i+1}^{i+1} \\ 0 & & & P_{i+1}^{i+1} \end{bmatrix} \quad (4.41b)$$

□

Before we proceed with the study of properties of nested basis matrices of  $N_\alpha^i$  we introduce some useful notation. Let  $\{(d_1, \sigma_1), \dots, (d_\rho, \sigma_\rho)\}$ ;  $d_1 < \dots < d_\rho$  be the index set of  $(F, G)$  at  $s = \alpha$ , let  $\underline{e}_{d_i}^j$  be the  $j$ -th standard basis vector of  $\mathbb{R}^{d_i}$ , i.e.

$$\underline{e}_{d_i}^j = [0, \dots, 0, \underset{j}{1}, 0, \dots, 0]^t \in \mathbb{R}^{d_i}, \quad j=1, 2, \dots, d_i \quad (4.42a)$$

and

$$\hat{E}_{d_i, \sigma_i}^j = \begin{bmatrix} \underline{e}_{d_i}^j & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \underline{e}_{d_i}^j & \\ & & & \ddots \\ & & & & \underline{e}_{d_i}^j \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{\sigma_i d_i \times \sigma_i} \quad (4.42b)$$

$j=1, 2, \dots, d_i$

If  $n$  is the dimension of the regular pencil, then  $n = p + \sigma_1 d_1 + \dots + \sigma_\rho d_\rho$  and a trivial expansion of  $\hat{E}_{d_i, \sigma_i}^j$  to  $n$  dimension is defined by

$$E_{d_i, \sigma_i}^j = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & & & & \\ \vdots & & & & \\ 0 & & & & \\ \hat{E}_{d_i, \sigma_i}^j & & & & \\ 0 & & & & \\ \vdots & & & & \\ 0 & & & & \end{bmatrix} \quad (4.42c)$$

$\sigma_i$

With this preliminary notation we may define:



Definition (4.3): Let  $\{(\sigma_1, d_1), \dots, (\sigma_\rho, d_\rho); d_1 < \dots < d_\rho\}$  be the index set of  $(F, G)$  at  $s=\alpha$  and let  $\phi = \{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_\rho\}$ . For all positive integers  $k=1, 2, \dots, d_\rho$  we define as  $\phi_k$  the ordered set of all integers in  $\phi$  which are greater or equal to  $k$ , i.e.

$$\phi_k = \{d_i, d_{i+1}, \dots, d_\rho\}, \text{ if } d_{i-1} < k \leq d_i$$

$$\phi_k = \{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_\rho\}, \text{ if } k \leq d_1$$

Assume that  $\phi_k = \{d_i, \dots, d_\rho\}$ ; then we define by  $E^j(\phi_k)$  the matrix

$$E^j(\phi_k) = \begin{bmatrix} E^j_{d_i, \sigma_i} & E^j_{d_{i+1}, \sigma_{i+1}} & \dots & E^j_{d_\rho, \sigma_\rho} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times (\sigma_i + \dots + \sigma_\rho)}$$

□

We may now state the following result:

Proposition (4.8): Let  $\{(d_1, \sigma_1), \dots, (d_\rho, \sigma_\rho); d_1 < \dots < d_\rho\}$  be the index set of  $(F, G)$  at  $s=\alpha$  and let  $\phi = \{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_\rho\}$ . There exists a nested basis matrix  $\hat{N}_\alpha^k$  of  $N_r\{P_\alpha^k(F, G)\}$  for all  $k=1, 2, \dots, d_\rho$  of the following type

$$\hat{N}_\alpha^k = \text{diag}\{\underbrace{Q, \dots, Q}_k\} E_k \quad (4.43a)$$

where  $Q \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ ,  $|Q| \neq 0$  and

$$E_k = \begin{bmatrix} \bigcirc & & & & 0 & E^1(\phi_k) \\ & & & & \ddots & E^2(\phi_k) \\ & & & & & \vdots \\ & & 0 & & & E^{k-2}(\phi_k) \\ & & & E^1(\phi_3) & \dots & E^{k-1}(\phi_k) \\ & 0 & & E^1(\phi_2) & E^2(\phi_3) & \dots & E^k(\phi_k) \\ E^1(\phi_1) & E^2(\phi_2) & E^3(\phi_3) & \dots & & \end{bmatrix} \quad (4.43b)$$

Proof

Let  $(R^{-1}, Q^{-1})$  be the pair of transformations which reduce  $(F, G)$  to the (4.11) type Weierstrass form (the blocks associated with the e.d. at  $s=\alpha$  are the last and they ordered according to the degrees of the e.d.). Then,



$$\tilde{X}_{k-1}^k = \tilde{H} \tilde{X}_k^k, \tilde{X}_{k-2}^k = \tilde{H}^2 \tilde{X}_k^k, \dots, \tilde{X}_{k-j}^k = \tilde{H}^j \tilde{X}_k^k, \dots, \tilde{X}_1^k = \tilde{H}^{k-1} \tilde{X}_k^k \quad (4.56b)$$

The problem of defining the structure of  $X_k$  is then reduced to a problem of computing the structure of  $\tilde{X}_k^k$ . Since  $\tilde{X}_k^k$  is a right annihilator of  $H^k$ , it is readily verified that a choice for  $\tilde{X}_k^k$  is given by

$$\tilde{X}_k^k = [E^1(\phi_1), E^2(\phi_2), E^3(\phi_3), \dots, E^k(\phi_k)] \quad (4.46c)$$

which is a right annihilator of  $\tilde{H}^k$ . From the special structure of the  $E^i(\phi_i)$  matrices and the compatible special structure of  $\tilde{H}$  we may easily verify the following property

$$\tilde{H}^p E^i(\phi_i) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } p \geq i \\ E^{i-p}(\phi_i), & \text{if } 0 < p < i \end{cases} \quad (4.47)$$

From (4.47) and (4.46b) it then follows that  $E_k$  is a right annihilator of  $P_\alpha^k(F_w, G_w)$ , when  $G_w - \alpha F_w$  is expressed in the (4.44) form. However, with an appropriate choice of the  $(R^{-1}, Q^{-1})$  pair,  $G_w - \alpha F_w$  may always be expressed as in (4.44). It is obvious that if  $E_k$  is a right annihilator of  $P_\alpha^k(F_w, G_w)$ , then  $\text{diag}\{\underbrace{Q, \dots, Q}_k\} E_k$  is a right annihilator of  $P_\alpha^k(F, G)$ .  $\square$

The special structure of the  $E^i(\phi_j)$  matrices clearly implies the following property.

Remark (4.6): If  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $A' \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n'}$ ,  $n' \leq n$ , then we shall write  $A' \subseteq^c A$ , if the columns of  $A'$  is a subset of the columns of  $A$ . For the matrices  $E^i(\phi_j)$  in  $E_k$  we have that

$$\begin{aligned} E^1(\phi_k) &\subseteq^c E^1(\phi_{k-1}) \subseteq^c \dots \subseteq^c E^1(\phi_3) \subseteq^c E^1(\phi_2) \subseteq^c E^1(\phi_1) \\ E^2(\phi_k) &\subseteq^c E^2(\phi_{k-1}) \subseteq^c \dots \subseteq^c E^2(\phi_3) \subseteq^c E^2(\phi_2) \\ &\vdots \\ E^{k-2}(\phi_n) &\subseteq^c E^{k-2}(\phi_{n-1}) \subseteq^c E^{k-2}(\phi_{n-2}) \\ E^{k-1}(\phi_n) &\subseteq^c E^{k-1}(\phi_{n-1}) \end{aligned} \quad (4.48)$$

$\square$

By combining Propositions (4.8) and (4.7) we have the following characterisation of nested basis matrices of  $N_r\{P_\alpha^i(F,G)\}$ .

Theorem (4.4): Every nested basis matrix  $N_\alpha^k$  of  $N_r\{P_\alpha^k(F,G)\}$  may be expressed as

$$N_\alpha^k = \begin{bmatrix} \bigcirc & & & & 0 & X_k^1 \\ & & & & X_{k-1}^1 & X_k^2 \\ & & & & \vdots & \vdots \\ & & 0 & \dots & \vdots & \vdots \\ & & 0 & X_3^1 & \dots & X_{k-3}^{k-2} & X_k^{k-2} \\ & & & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\ & 0 & X_2^1 & X_3^2 & \dots & X_{k-2}^{k-1} & X_k^{k-1} \\ & X_2^1 & X_2^2 & X_3^3 & \dots & X_{k-1}^k & X_k^k \end{bmatrix} = \text{diag}\{\underbrace{Q, \dots, Q}_k E_k P_k\} \quad (4.49)$$

where  $Q \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ ,  $|Q| \neq 0$ ,  $P_k \in \mathbb{C}^{\eta_k \times \eta_k}$ ,  $|P_k| \neq 0$  and with a structure defined by (4.38b) and  $E_k$  the matrix defined by (4.43b). □

Corollary (4.7): Let  $N_\alpha^k$  be a nested basis matrix of  $N_\alpha^k$ . For every  $i$ ,  $i=1,2,\dots,k$  and for every vector  $\underline{\alpha} \in \mathbb{C}^{(\eta_i - \eta_{i-1})}$ ,  $\underline{\alpha} \neq \underline{0}$ , the set of vectors  $\{X_{i\underline{\alpha}}^i, X_{i\underline{\alpha}}^{i-1}, \dots, X_{i\underline{\alpha}}^1\}$  are linearly independent.

#### Proof

Assume that the set of vectors  $\{X_{i\underline{\alpha}}^i, \dots, X_{i\underline{\alpha}}^1\}$  is linearly dependent.

Then, there exist  $c_j$ ,  $j=1,2,\dots,i$  not all of them zero such that

$$c_i X_{i\underline{\alpha}}^i + c_{i-1} X_{i\underline{\alpha}}^{i-1} + \dots + c_1 X_{i\underline{\alpha}}^1 = 0 \quad (4.50a)$$

By Theorem (4.4) we have that  $X_{i\underline{\alpha}}^i, \dots, X_{i\underline{\alpha}}^1$  may be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} X_{i\underline{\alpha}}^1 &= Q E^1(\phi_i) P_i^1 \\ X_{i\underline{\alpha}}^2 &= Q \{E^1(\phi_{i-1}) P_{i-1}^1 + E^2(\phi_i) P_i^1\} \\ &\vdots \\ X_{i\underline{\alpha}}^{i-1} &= Q \{E^1(\phi_2) P_2^1 + E^2(\phi_3) P_3^1 + \dots + E^{i-2}(\phi_{i-1}) P_{i-1}^1 + E^{i-1}(\phi_i) P_i^1\} \\ X_{i\underline{\alpha}}^i &= Q \{E^1(\phi_1) P_1^1 + E^2(\phi_2) P_2^1 + \dots + E^{i-1}(\phi_{i-1}) P_{i-1}^1 + E^i(\phi_i) P_i^1\} \end{aligned} \quad (4.50b)$$

If we define  $P_{i-\alpha}^i, P_{i-1-\alpha}^i, \dots, P_{1-\alpha}^i$ , then by (4.50b) we have that (4.50a) may be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} Q\{c_1 E^1(\phi_i)_{\alpha_i} + c_2 (E^1(\phi_{i-1})_{\alpha_{i-1}} + E^2(\phi_i)_{\alpha_i}) + \dots + \\ + c_{i-1} (E^1(\phi_2)_{\alpha_2} + E^2(\phi_3)_{\alpha_3} + \dots + E^{i-2}(\phi_{i-1})_{\alpha_{i-1}} + E^{i-1}(\phi_i)_{\alpha_i}) + \\ + c_i (E^1(\phi_1)_{\alpha_1} + E^2(\phi_2)_{\alpha_2} + \dots + E^{i-1}(\phi_{i-1})_{\alpha_{i-1}} + E^i(\phi_i)_{\alpha_i})\} = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (4.50c)$$

Because  $Q$  is nonsingular (4.50c) yields

$$\begin{aligned} -c_i E^i(\phi_i)_{\alpha_i} = c_1 E^1(\phi_i)_{\alpha_i} + c_2 (E^1(\phi_{i-1})_{\alpha_{i-1}} + E^2(\phi_i)_{\alpha_i}) + \dots + \\ + c_{i-1} (E^1(\phi_1)_{\alpha_1} + E^2(\phi_2)_{\alpha_2} + \dots + E^{i-1}(\phi_{i-1})_{\alpha_{i-1}}) \end{aligned} \quad (4.50d)$$

By Remark (4.6), it is clear that the right hand side of (4.50d) is a vector in  $\text{sp}\{[E^1(\phi_1), E^2(\phi_2), \dots, E^{i-1}(\phi_{i-1})]\}$ ; however, since the left hand side is a vector in  $\text{sp}\{E^i(\phi_i)\}$  and that  $\text{sp}\{[E^1(\phi_1), \dots, E^{i-1}(\phi_{i-1})]\} \cap \text{sp}\{E^i(\phi_i)\} = \{0\}$  we have that  $c_i \alpha_i = 0$ . If  $\alpha_i = 0$ , then  $P_{i-\alpha}^i = 0$  which implies that  $\alpha = 0$ , since  $|P_{i-\alpha}^i| \neq 0$ . Thus, it is shown that  $c_i = 0$ . Set  $c_i = 0$  in (4.50c) and by repeating the same arguments it follows that  $c_{i-1} = 0$  etc. Thus, eventually  $c_1 = c_2 = \dots = c_i = 0$ , which contradicts the linear dependence assumption.  $\square$

If we choose  $\alpha = [0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0]^t \in \mathbb{R}^{(\eta_i - \eta_{i-1})}$ , then we select a column of  $N_{\alpha}^k$  and Corollary (4.7) yields the following important property.

**Remark (4.7):** The set of nonzero vectors obtained by partitioning every column of a nested basis matrix  $N_{\alpha}^k$ , according to the natural partitioning of  $N_{\alpha}^k$  (as in (4.49)) is linearly independent.

The vector chain  $\{X_{i-\alpha}^i, X_{i-1-\alpha}^{i-1}, \dots, X_{1-\alpha}^1\}$  is by Corollary (4.7) linearly independent, it corresponds to the  $i$ -th column block of  $N_{\alpha}^k$  and it is parametrised by  $\alpha$ ; such vector chains we shall denote then by  $S(i, \alpha)$ . The properties of  $S(i, \alpha)$  chains are examined next.



Corollary (4.8): Let  $N_{\alpha}^k$  be a nested basis matrix of  $N_r\{P_{\alpha}^k(F,G)\}$  and let  $S(i, \underline{\alpha}_j)$  be the vector chains associated with the  $i$ -th column block of  $N_{\alpha}^k$  and parametrised by the  $\underline{\alpha}_j$  vectors. The set of vectors  $S(i) = \{S(i, \underline{\alpha}_1); \dots; \dots; S(i, \underline{\alpha}_v)\}$  is linearly independent if and only if either of the following equivalent conditions hold true:

- (i) the set  $\{\underline{\alpha}_1, \underline{\alpha}_2, \dots, \underline{\alpha}_v\}$  is independent.
- (ii) the set  $\{X_{i-1}^1 \underline{\alpha}_1, X_{i-2}^1 \underline{\alpha}_2, \dots, X_{i-v}^1 \underline{\alpha}_v\}$  is independent.

Proof

Let us assume that the set  $S(i)$  is linearly dependent. Then, there exist constants  $c_k^j$ ,  $k=1, \dots, v$ ,  $j=1, 2, \dots, i$ , not all of them zero such that

$$\left(\sum_{j=1}^i c_1^j X_{i-1}^j\right) \underline{\alpha}_1 + \left(\sum_{j=1}^i c_2^j X_{i-2}^j\right) \underline{\alpha}_2 + \dots + \left(\sum_{j=1}^i c_v^j X_{i-v}^j\right) \underline{\alpha}_v = 0$$

This may be rewritten as

$$X_{i-1}^1 \left(\sum_{k=1}^v c_k^1 \underline{\alpha}_{k-1}\right) + X_{i-2}^1 \left(\sum_{k=1}^v c_k^2 \underline{\alpha}_{k-2}\right) + \dots + X_{i-v}^1 \left(\sum_{k=1}^v c_k^v \underline{\alpha}_{k-v}\right) = 0 \quad (4.51a)$$

Let us now denote by

$$\underline{\beta}_j = \sum_{k=1}^v c_k^j \underline{\alpha}_{k-j} \text{ and } P_{r-j}^i \underline{\beta}_j = \underline{\beta}_{r,j}, \quad r, j=1, 2, \dots, i \quad (4.51b)$$

By (4.51b) and (4.50b), condition (4.51a) is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} & \{E^1(\phi_i) \underline{\beta}_{i,1}\} + \{E^1(\phi_{i-1}) \underline{\beta}_{i-1,2} + E^2(\phi_i) \underline{\beta}_{i,2}\} + \dots \\ & + \{E^1(\phi_2) \underline{\beta}_{2,i-1} + E^2(\phi_3) \underline{\beta}_{3,i-1} + \dots + E^{i-1}(\phi_i) \underline{\beta}_{i,i-1}\} + \\ & + \{E^1(\phi_1) \underline{\beta}_{1,i} + E^2(\phi_2) \underline{\beta}_{2,i} + \dots + E^{i-1}(\phi_{i-1}) \underline{\beta}_{i-1,i} + E^i(\phi_i) \underline{\beta}_{i,i}\} = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (4.51c)$$

The above condition is similar in nature to (4.50d); thus, by using similar arguments (based on the properties of  $E^j(\phi_k)$  matrices) it follows that

$$\underline{\beta}_{i,i} = 0 = P_{i-i}^i \underline{\beta}_i \Rightarrow \underline{\beta}_i = 0$$

Repeating the arguments on the reduced equation (4.51c) (after setting  $\beta_i=0$ ) we have that

$$\beta_j = \sum_{k=1}^v c_{k-j}^j \alpha_k = 0, \quad j=1,2,\dots,i \quad (4.51d)$$

If the vectors  $\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_v\}$  are linearly independent, then (4.51d) conditions imply that  $c_k^j=0$  for all  $k=1,2,\dots,v$ ,  $j=1,2,\dots,i$  and thus the assumption that  $S(i)$  is dependent leads to a contradiction. If the vectors  $\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_v\}$  are dependent, then at least one of (4.51d) may be satisfied with nonzero constants and thus  $S(i)$  is dependent.

To prove the equivalence of parts (i) and (ii) we notice that if  $\alpha_j$  are linearly dependent, then

$$\sum_{j=1}^v c_j \alpha_j = 0 \quad (4.52a)$$

By the first of (4.50b),  $X_i^1 = Q E^1(\phi_i) P_i^1$  and thus

$$X_i^1 \sum_{j=1}^v c_j \alpha_j = 0 = \sum_{j=1}^v c_j X_i^1 \alpha_j \quad (4.52b)$$

If the set  $\{\alpha_j, j \in \underline{v}\}$  is independent and  $\{X_i^1 \alpha_j, i \in \underline{v}\}$  dependent then (4.52b) and the fact that  $N_r\{Q E^1(\phi_i) P_i^1\} = \{0\}$ , yields that  $\{\alpha_j, j \in \underline{v}\}$  is dependent, which contradicts our assumption.  $\square$

If we select  $\alpha_j = e_j$ ,  $i=1,2,\dots,\eta_i - \eta_{i-1}$ , where  $e_j$  are the standard basis vectors of  $R^{(\eta_i - \eta_{i-1})}$ , then every vector chain  $S(i, \underline{e}_j) = \{X_i^1 e_j, X_i^{i-1} e_j, \dots, X_i^1 e_j\}$  is independent and thus they form a basis for the vector space

$$S_j^i = \text{sp}\{X_i^1 e_j, \dots, X_i^1 e_j\} \quad (4.53)$$

There exist  $\eta_i - \eta_{i-1}$  subspaces  $S_j^i$ ,  $j=1,2,\dots,\eta_i - \eta_{i-1}$  which characterise the  $i$ -th column block of the given  $N_\alpha^k$  nested basis matrix. By the way nested basis matrices are constructed, it is clear that the  $i$ -th dimensional subspaces  $S_j^i$  are characteristic of the  $N_\alpha^\tau$  nested basis, where  $\tau$  is the index of annihilation, and not just of the given  $N_\alpha^k$ ; such subspaces will

be referred to as i-th order characteristic spaces of  $(F,G)$  at  $s=\alpha$ . By Corollary (4.8) we have:

Remark (4.8): The set  $\{S_j^i; j=1,2,\dots,\eta_i-\eta_{i-1}\}$  of i-th order characteristic spaces of  $(F,G)$  at  $s=\alpha$  are linearly independent for any given i,  $i=1,2,\dots,\tau$ , where  $\tau$  is the index of annihilation of  $(F,G)$  at  $s=\alpha$ .

The relationship of the set of  $S_j^i$  subspaces for all i,j to the maximal generalised nullspace  $M_\alpha^*$  of  $(F,G)$  at  $s=\alpha$  is established by the following result.

Proposition (4.9): If  $M_\alpha^*$  is the maximal generalised nullspace of  $(F,G)$  at  $s=\alpha$  and  $\{S_j^i, j=1,2,\dots,\eta_i-\eta_{i-1}\}$  the i-th order characteristic spaces of  $(F,G)$  at  $s=\alpha$ , then

$$M_\alpha^* = \sum_{i=1}^{\tau} \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{\eta_i-\eta_{i-1}} S_j^i \right\} \quad (4.54)$$

Proof

By definition of the  $S_j^i$  we have that

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\eta_i-\eta_{i-1}} S_j^i = \text{sp}\{X_1^i\} + \text{sp}\{X_1^{i-1}\} + \dots + \text{sp}\{X_1^1\}$$

and thus

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^{\tau} \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{\eta_i-\eta_{i-1}} S_j^i \right\} &= \text{sp}\{X_1^1\} + \text{sp}\{X_2^2\} + \dots + \text{sp}\{X_1^1\} + \dots + \text{sp}\{X_\tau^\tau\} \\ &\quad + \text{sp}\{X_2^1\} + \dots + \text{sp}\{X_i^{i-1}\} + \dots + \text{sp}\{X_\tau^{\tau-1}\} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

from which since  $M_\alpha^* = \text{sp}\{X_1^1\} + \dots + \text{sp}\{X_\tau^\tau\}$  we have that

$$M_\alpha^* \subseteq \sum_{i=1}^{\tau} \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{\eta_i-\eta_{i-1}} S_j^i \right\} \quad (4.55a)$$

By eqn(4.50b) we have that

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{sp}\{X_1^1\} &\subseteq \text{sp}\{QE^1(\phi_1)\} \\
\text{sp}\{X_1^2\} &\subseteq \text{sp}\{Q[E^1(\phi_{i-1}), E^2(\phi_i)]\} \\
\text{sp}\{X_1^{i-1}\} &\subseteq \text{sp}\{Q[E^1(\phi_2), E^2(\phi_3), \dots, E^{i-1}(\phi_i)]\} \\
\text{sp}\{X_1^i\} &\subseteq \text{sp}\{Q[E^1(\phi_1), E^2(\phi_2), \dots, E^{i-1}(\phi_{i-1}), E^i(\phi_i)]\}
\end{aligned} \tag{4.55b}$$

By Remark (4.6) and conditions (4.55b) it is clear that

$$\text{sp}\{X_j^j\} \subseteq \text{sp}\{Q[E^1(\phi_1), E^2(\phi_2), \dots, E^j(\phi_j)]\}, \quad j=1, 2, \dots, i \tag{4.55c}$$

and thus

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{j=1}^{\eta_i - \eta_{i-1}} S_j^i &= \text{sp}\{X_1^1\} + \dots + \text{sp}\{X_1^{i-1}\} + \text{sp}\{X_1^i\} \subseteq \text{sp}\{Q[E^1(\phi_1)]\} + \dots \\
&\dots + \text{sp}\{Q[E^1(\phi_1), \dots, E^i(\phi_i)]\} \subseteq \text{sp}\{Q[E^1(\phi_1), \dots, E^i(\phi_i)]\}
\end{aligned} \tag{4.55d}$$

Clearly then

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{i=1}^{\tau} \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{\eta_i - \eta_{i-1}} S_j^i \right\} &\subseteq \text{sp}\{Q[E^1(\phi_1)]\} + \dots + \text{sp}\{Q[E^1(\phi_1), \dots, E^{\tau}(\phi_{\tau})]\} \\
&\subseteq \text{sp}\{Q[E^1(\phi_1), \dots, E^{\tau}(\phi_{\tau})]\} = M_{\alpha}^*
\end{aligned} \tag{4.55e}$$

By (4.55a) and (4.55e) condition (4.54) is established.  $\square$

Note that a vector chain  $S(i, \underline{\alpha}) = \{X_{\underline{\alpha}}^i, X_{\underline{\alpha}}^{i-1}, \dots, X_{\underline{\alpha}}^1\} = \{\underline{u}_{\underline{\alpha}}^i, \underline{u}_{\underline{\alpha}}^{i-1}, \dots, \underline{u}_{\underline{\alpha}}^1\}$  is an independent chain of vectors (not necessarily maximal) which satisfies conditions (4.4) with a first vector  $\underline{u}_{\underline{\alpha}}^i = X_{\underline{\alpha}}^i$ . The above result then implies the following remark.

**Remark (4.9):** All generalised eigenvector chains  $S(i, \underline{\alpha})$  satisfying conditions (4.4) belong to  $M_{\alpha}^*$  and  $M_{\alpha}^*$  is spanned by the set of all chains  $S(i, \underline{\alpha})$  defined by any nested basis matrix.

Clearly, this remark generalises the well-known property for the generalised eigenvector chains of  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ .

The problem considered next is the investigation of the conditions under which various vector chains of the  $S(i, \underline{\alpha})$  type (corresponding to different  $i$  and  $\underline{\alpha}$  vectors) are linearly independent. The following lemma is useful in this investigation.

Lemma (4.2): Let  $\Gamma_j \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times \eta_k}$  be the submatrices of  $E_k$  defined by

$$\Gamma_j = [0, 0, \dots, 0, \underbrace{E_j^1, E_{j+1}^2, \dots, E_k^{k+1-j}}_{j-1}], \quad j=1, 2, \dots, k \quad (4.56a)$$

where  $E_r^p$  denotes in short  $E^p(\phi_r)$ , and let  $\underline{z}_j = [z_{j,1}^t, z_{j,2}^t, \dots, z_{j,k}^t]^t \in \mathbb{C}^{\eta_k}$ ,  $j=1, 2, \dots, k$  be arbitrary vectors partitioned according to the block partitioning of  $\Gamma_j$  in (4.56a). The matrix equation

$$\Gamma_1 \underline{z}_1 + \Gamma_2 \underline{z}_2 + \dots + \Gamma_k \underline{z}_k = 0 \quad (4.56b)$$

implies the following equivalent conditions.

(i)

$$E_{i-1,i}^i \underline{z}_{1,i} + E_{i+1,i+1}^i \underline{z}_{2,i+1} + \dots + E_{k-i+1,k}^i \underline{z}_{k-i+1,k} = 0 \quad (4.56c)$$

for all  $i=1, 2, \dots, k$ .

(ii) If we trivially expand the vectors  $\underline{z}_{2,i+1}, \dots, \underline{z}_{k-i+1,k}$  to vectors of  $\mathbb{C}^{\eta_i - \eta_{i-1}}$  by adding zeros on top of them, then

$$\underline{z}_{1,i} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \underline{z}_{2,i+1} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \underline{z}_{3,i+2} \end{bmatrix} + \dots + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ \underline{z}_{k-i+1,k} \end{bmatrix} = 0 \quad (4.56d)$$

for all  $i=1, 2, \dots, k$ .

#### Proof

By using the partitioned forms of  $\underline{z}_j$  and  $\Gamma_j$ , it may be readily verified that (4.56c) yields

$$\gamma_1 + \dots + \gamma_i + \dots + \gamma_k = 0 \quad (4.57a)$$



where the  $\gamma_i$  vectors are given by

$$\gamma_i = E_{i-1,i}^i z_{1,i} + E_{i+1,i+1}^i z_{2,i+1} + \dots + E_{k-i+1,k}^i z_{k-i+1,k} \quad (4.57b)$$

By Remark (4.6), it is clear that  $\gamma_i \in \text{sp}\{E_i^i\}$  and given that the set of subspaces  $\{\text{sp}\{E_1^1\}, \dots, \text{sp}\{E_k^k\}\}$  are linearly independent for all  $i=1, 2, \dots, k$  it follows that  $\gamma_1 = \gamma_2 = \dots = \gamma_k = 0$ , which proves part (i) of the lemma.

By Remark (4.6) and the definition of  $E_j^i$ ,  $j=i, \dots, k$  we have that  $E_i^i$  may be partitioned as

$$\begin{aligned} E_i^i &= [E_{i,i+1}^i, E_{i+1,i+2}^i, \dots, E_{k-1,k}^i] \\ &= [E_{i,i+1}^i, E_{i+1,i+2}^i, \dots, E_{k-2,k-1}^i, E_{k-1,k}^i] \\ &= \dots = [E_{i,i+1}^i, E_{i+1,i+2}^i, E_{i+2,i+3}^i] = [E_{i,i+1}^i, E_{i+1}^i] \end{aligned} \quad (4.57c)$$

With this in mind, eqn(4.56c) may be expressed as

$$E_{i-1,i}^i z_{1,i} + [E_{i,i+1}^i, E_{i+1}^i] \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ z_{2,i+1} \end{bmatrix} + \dots + [E_{i,i+1}^i, \dots, E_{k-1,k}^i] \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ z_{k-i+1,k} \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$\triangleq E_i^i \quad \triangleq E_i^i$

given that  $N_r\{E_i^i\} = \{0\}$ , (4.56d) follows.  $\square$

The independence of the  $S(i, \underline{\alpha})$  vector chains, for various indices  $i$  and vectors  $\underline{\alpha}$  is characterised by the following result.

**Proposition (4.10):** Let  $N_{\alpha}^k$  be a nested basis matrix of  $N_{\alpha}^k$ ,  $\{i_1, \dots, i_v\}$  be a set of indices taking values from  $\{1, 2, \dots, k\}$  and let  $\underline{\alpha}_1, \dots, \underline{\alpha}_v$  be vectors of  $\mathbb{C}^{(n_{i_1} - n_{i_1-1})}, \dots, \mathbb{C}^{(n_{i_v} - n_{i_v-1})}$  respectively.

The set of vector chains  $S(i_1, \dots, i_v) = \{S(i_1, \underline{\alpha}_1); \dots; S(i_v, \underline{\alpha}_v)\}$  are linearly independent if and only if the vectors

$$\{X_{i_1}^1 \underline{\alpha}_1, X_{i_2}^1 \underline{\alpha}_2, \dots, X_{i_v}^1 \underline{\alpha}_v\}$$

are linearly independent.

Proof

The necessity of the proposition (the set  $S(i_1, \dots, i_n)$  independent, then  $\{X_{i_1}^1 \alpha_1, \dots, X_{i_v}^1 \alpha_v\}$  is independent) is obvious.

Sufficiency: Assume that the set of vectors  $\{X_{i_1}^1 \alpha_1, \dots, X_{i_v}^1 \alpha_v\}$  are linearly independent and the vector chains  $S(i_1, \dots, i_v)$  are dependent and that  $i_1 \leq i_2 \leq \dots \leq i_v$ . Then there exist coefficients  $c_{p,j}$ ,  $p=1, \dots, i_j$ ,  $j=i_1, \dots, i_v$ , not all of them zero, such that

$$\sum_{p=1}^{i_1} c_{p,i_1} X_{i_1}^{i_1-p+1} \alpha_1 + \sum_{p=1}^{i_2} c_{p,i_2} X_{i_2}^{i_2-p+1} \alpha_2 + \dots + \sum_{p=1}^{i_v} c_{p,i_v} X_{i_v}^{i_v-p+1} \alpha_v = 0 \quad (4.58a)$$

By Theorem (4.4), the vectors in the chains may be computed by taking the  $\alpha_j$  linear combination of the columns of the  $i_j$ -th column block of  $N_\alpha^k$  and then partitioning according to the natural partitioning of the  $N_\alpha^k$ .

Thus, for the  $S(i_j, \alpha_j)$  chain we have

$$\begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ k-i_j \\ \text{zero blocks} \end{array} \left[ \begin{array}{c} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ X_{i_j}^1 \\ \vdots \\ X_{i_j}^2 \\ \vdots \\ X_{i_j}^{i_j-1} \\ X_{i_j}^j \\ \vdots \\ X_{i_j}^j \end{array} \right] \end{array} \quad \alpha_j = \text{diag}\{\underbrace{Q, \dots, Q}_k\} E_k p(i_j, \alpha_j) \quad (4.58b)$$

where  $p(i_j, \alpha_j)$  is the  $\alpha_j$  linear combination of the columns of the  $i_j$  column block of  $P_k$ , i.e.

$$\underline{P}(i_j, \alpha_j) = \begin{bmatrix} i_j \\ p_1 \\ i_j \\ p_2 \\ \vdots \\ i_j \\ p_{i_j} \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ k-i_j \\ \vdots \\ \text{zero blocks} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \underline{\alpha}_j = \begin{bmatrix} u_{j,1} \\ u_{j,2} \\ \vdots \\ u_{j,i_j} \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (4.58c)$$

Because  $Q \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ ,  $|Q| \neq 0$ , in the investigation of (4.58a), the transformation  $Q$  in (4.58b) may be ignored and we can work with the subvectors of  $E_k \underline{P}(i_j, \alpha_j)$ . Using the  $\Gamma_\ell$  matrices, as defined in (4.56a), we have that

$$E_k \underline{P}(i_j, \alpha_j) = \begin{bmatrix} \Gamma_k \underline{P}(i_j, \alpha_j) \\ \vdots \\ \Gamma_{i_j+1} \underline{P}(i_j, \alpha_j) \\ \Gamma_{i_j} \underline{P}(i_j, \alpha_j) \\ \vdots \\ \Gamma_1 \underline{P}(i_j, \alpha_j) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ Q^{-1} X_{i_j}^1 \\ \vdots \\ Q^{-1} X_{i_j}^{i_j} \end{bmatrix} \underline{\alpha}_j \quad (4.58d)$$

To facilitate the analysis we expand trivially the summations in (4.58a) by including the zero vectors  $\Gamma_k \underline{P}(i_j, \alpha_j), \dots, \Gamma_{i_j+1} \underline{P}(i_j, \alpha_j)$  with zero coefficients as

$$\sum_{j=1}^k c_{j,i_1} \Gamma_j \underline{P}(i_1, \alpha_1) + \dots + \sum_{j=1}^k c_{j,i_v} \Gamma_j \underline{P}(i_v, \alpha_v) = 0 \quad (4.58e)$$

where  $c_{j,i_1} = 0$  for  $j > i_1, \dots, c_{j,i_v} = 0$  for  $j > i_v$ . If we define

$$\underline{z}_\ell = c_{\ell,i_1} \underline{P}(i_1, \alpha_1) + \dots + c_{\ell,i_v} \underline{P}(i_v, \alpha_v) \quad \ell = 1, \dots, k \quad (4.58f)$$

then (4.58e) may be rewritten as

$$\Gamma_1 \underline{z}_1 + \Gamma_2 \underline{z}_2 + \dots + \Gamma_k \underline{z}_k = 0 \quad (4.59a)$$

By partitioning  $\underline{z}_\ell$  according to the partitioning of  $\Gamma_\ell$  as

$\underline{z}_\ell = [\underline{z}_{\ell,1}^t, \underline{z}_{\ell,2}^t, \dots, \underline{z}_{\ell,k}^t]^t$ , then by Lemma (4.2) we have

$$\underline{z}_{\ell,i} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \underline{z}_{2,i+1} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \underline{z}_{3,i+2} \end{bmatrix} + \dots + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ \underline{z}_{k-i+1,k} \end{bmatrix} = \underline{0} \quad (4.59b)$$

for all  $i=1,2,\dots,k$ . By (4.58c) and (4.58f) we have that

$$\underline{z}_\ell = \begin{bmatrix} c_{\ell,i_1} \underline{u}_{1,1} + c_{\ell,i_2} \underline{u}_{2,1} + \dots + c_{\ell,i_v} \underline{u}_{v,1} \\ c_{\ell,i_1} \underline{u}_{1,2} + c_{\ell,i_2} \underline{u}_{2,2} + \dots + c_{\ell,i_v} \underline{u}_{v,2} \\ \vdots \\ c_{\ell,i_1} \underline{u}_{1,k} + c_{\ell,i_2} \underline{u}_{2,k} + \dots + c_{\ell,i_v} \underline{u}_{v,k} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \underline{z}_{\ell,1} \\ \underline{z}_{\ell,2} \\ \vdots \\ \underline{z}_{\ell,k} \end{bmatrix} \quad (4.59c)$$

where  $\underline{u}_{j,f} = \underline{0}$  for all  $f > i_j$ ,  $j=1,2,\dots,v$ . The original problem is thus reduced to proving that conditions (4.59b), (4.59c) have as the only solution  $c_{\ell,p} = 0$  for all  $\ell=1,2,\dots,k$ ,  $p=i_1, \dots, i_v$ , if the vectors  $\{X_{i_1-1}^1 \underline{\alpha}_1, \dots, X_{i_v-1}^1 \underline{\alpha}_v\}$  are independent.

Note that from (4.58d) we have that

$$X_{i_1-1}^1 \underline{\alpha}_1 = E_{i_1-1}^1 P_{i_1-1}^{i_1} \underline{\alpha}_1 = E_{i_1-1}^1 \underline{u}_{1,i_1}, \dots, X_{i_v-1}^1 \underline{\alpha}_v = E_{i_v-1}^1 P_{i_v-1}^{i_v} \underline{\alpha}_v = E_{i_v-1}^1 \underline{u}_{v,i_v} \quad (4.59d)$$

and by (4.57c) we may write

$$E_1^1 = \begin{bmatrix} E_{1,2}^1, \dots, E_{i_1-1,i_1}^1, E_{i_1}^1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} E_{1,2}^1, \dots, E_{i_1-1,i_1}^1, E_{i_1,i_1+1}^1, \dots, E_{i_v-1,i_v}^1, E_{i_v}^1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus, the vectors  $X_{i_1-1}^1 \underline{\alpha}_1, \dots, X_{i_v-1}^1 \underline{\alpha}_v$  may be expressed as

$$X_{i_1-1}^1 \underline{\alpha}_1 = E_1^1 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \underline{u}_{1,i_1} \end{bmatrix} = E_1^1 \tilde{\underline{u}}_{1,i_1}, \dots, X_{i_v-1}^1 \underline{\alpha}_v = E_1^1 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \underline{u}_{v,i_v} \end{bmatrix} = E_1^1 \tilde{\underline{u}}_{v,i_v} \quad (4.59e)$$

where  $\underline{u}_{1,i_1}, \dots, \underline{u}_{v,i_v}$  are  $(\eta_{i_1} - \eta_{i_1-1}), \dots, (\eta_{i_v} - \eta_{i_v-1})$  dimensional vectors. The linear independence of  $\{X_{i_1-1}^1 \underline{\alpha}_1, \dots, X_{i_v-1}^1 \underline{\alpha}_v\}$  then implies that the vectors

$\{\tilde{u}_{1,i_1}, \dots, \tilde{u}_{v,i_v}\}$  of  $\eta_1$  dimension, are linearly independent.

In the case where  $i_1=i_2=\dots=i_v$ , the independence of  $\{\tilde{u}_{1,i_1}, \dots, \tilde{u}_{v,i_v}\}$  implies that  $c_{\ell,P}=0$  for all  $\ell=1,2,\dots,k$ ,  $P=i_1,\dots,i_v$  (see Corollary (4.8)).

In the case where at least one strict inequality holds true, the result is proved for a simple case and the general case follows along similar lines.

Thus consider the case where  $i_1=3$ ,  $i_2=4$  and let the vectors defining the two chains respectively be  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$ . Then, by taking  $k=4(\max\{i_1,i_2\})$  we have

$$\underline{P}(3, \alpha_1) = \begin{bmatrix} P_{1\alpha_1}^3 \\ P_{2\alpha_1}^3 \\ P_{3\alpha_1}^3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \underline{u}_{3,1} \\ \underline{u}_{3,2} \\ \underline{u}_{3,3} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \underline{P}(4, \alpha_2) = \begin{bmatrix} P_{1\alpha_2}^4 \\ P_{2\alpha_2}^4 \\ P_{3\alpha_2}^4 \\ P_{4\alpha_2}^4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \underline{u}_{4,1} \\ \underline{u}_{4,2} \\ \underline{u}_{4,3} \\ \underline{u}_{4,4} \end{bmatrix} \quad (4.60a)$$

By (4.59c) and (4.59b) we obtain the following set of conditions

$$c_{1,3\underline{u}_{3,1}} + c_{1,4\underline{u}_{4,1}} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ c_{2,3\underline{u}_{3,2}} + c_{2,4\underline{u}_{4,2}} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ c_{3,3\underline{u}_{3,3}} + c_{3,4\underline{u}_{4,3}} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ c_{4,4\underline{u}_{4,4}} \end{bmatrix} = \underline{0} \quad (4.60b)$$

$$c_{1,3\underline{u}_{3,2}} + c_{1,4\underline{u}_{4,2}} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ c_{2,3\underline{u}_{3,3}} + c_{2,4\underline{u}_{4,3}} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ c_{3,4\underline{u}_{4,4}} \end{bmatrix} = \underline{0} \quad (4.60c)$$

$$c_{1,3\underline{u}_{3,3}} + c_{1,4\underline{u}_{4,3}} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ c_{2,4\underline{u}_{4,4}} \end{bmatrix} = \underline{0} \quad (4.60d)$$

$$c_{1,4\underline{u}_{4,4}} = 0 \quad (4.60e)$$

The assumption that  $X_{3\underline{\alpha}_1}^1, X_{4\underline{\alpha}_2}^1$  are independent implies that



$$\underline{u}_{3,3} \neq \mu \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \underline{u}_{4,4} \end{bmatrix}, \mu \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \underline{u}_{3,3}^3 \\ \underline{u}_{3,3}^4 \end{bmatrix} \neq \mu \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \underline{u}_{4,4} \end{bmatrix} \quad (4.60f)$$

The vectors in equations (4.60b-e) are partitioned next in the natural way implied by the form of these equations. Clearly, since  $\underline{u}_{4,4} \neq 0$  (4.60e) implies that  $c_{1,4}=0$ . By setting  $c_{1,4}=0$  in (4.60b-d) and using the partitioned form of the vectors, (4.60d) yields

$$c_{1,3}\underline{u}_{3,3}^3 = 0, c_{1,3}\underline{u}_{3,3}^4 + c_{2,4}\underline{u}_{4,4} = 0 \quad (4.61a)$$

(i)  $\underline{u}_{3,3}^3 \neq 0$ : (4.61a) implies  $c_{1,3}=0$  and  $c_{2,4}\underline{u}_{4,4}=0$  from which  $c_{2,4}=0$  (since  $\underline{u}_{4,4} \neq 0$ ). By setting  $c_{1,3}=c_{2,4}=c_{1,4}=0$  into (4.60c) and using the partitioned form we have

$$c_{2,3}\underline{u}_{3,3}^3 = 0, c_{2,3}\underline{u}_{3,3}^4 + c_{3,4}\underline{u}_{4,4} = 0 \quad (4.61b)$$

from which  $c_{2,3}=c_{3,4}=0$ . By substitution in (4.60b) it is readily shown that  $c_{3,3}=c_{4,4}=0$  and this leads to a contradiction.

(ii)  $\underline{u}_{3,3}^3=0$  and  $\underline{u}_{3,3}^4 \neq \mu \underline{u}_{4,4}$ : By the second of (4.61a) and (4.60f) we have that  $c_{1,3}=c_{2,4}=0$  (otherwise the first vectors are dependent). By setting  $c_{1,4}=c_{1,3}=c_{2,4}=0$  into (4.60c) we have

$$c_{2,3}\underline{u}_{3,3}^3 = 0, c_{2,3}\underline{u}_{3,3}^4 + c_{3,4}\underline{u}_{4,4} = 0 \quad (4.61c)$$

From the second of the above conditions and the (4.60f) condition we have  $c_{2,3}=c_{3,4}=0$ . Finally, by substituting into the reduced (4.60b) conditions we have

$$c_{3,3}\underline{u}_{3,3}^3 = 0, c_{3,3}\underline{u}_{3,3}^4 + c_{4,4}\underline{u}_{4,4} = 0 \quad (4.61d)$$

by (4.60f) then we have that  $c_{3,3}=c_{4,4}=0$  and this once more leads to a contradiction.

The steps and arguments used in the simple case considered above are

general; along similar lines it may be shown that the independence of  $\{\tilde{u}_{1,i_1}, \dots, \tilde{u}_{v,i_v}\}$  implies that the only solution of (4.59b) is the  $c_{\ell,p} = 0$  for  $\forall \ell=1,2,\dots,k, p=i_1,\dots,i_v$  and thus sufficiency of the result is established.  $\square$

The results so far suggest a procedure for selecting linear independent vector chains of the  $S(i, \alpha_i)$  type.

**Definition (4.4):** Let  $N_\alpha^\tau$  be a nested basis matrix of  $N_\alpha^\tau$ , as in (4.49), where  $\tau$  is the index of annihilation of  $(F,G)$  at  $s=\alpha$  and let  $T_1, \dots, T_i, \dots, T_\tau$  be the matrices defined by

$$T_1 = [X_\tau^1, X_{\tau-1}^1, \dots, X_i^1, \dots, X_2^1, X_1^1], \dots, T_i = [X_\tau^1, X_{\tau-1}^1, \dots, X_{i-1}^1, X_i^1], \dots$$

$$\dots, T_{\tau-1} = [X_\tau^1, X_{\tau-1}^1], T_\tau = [X_\tau^1] \quad (4.62)$$

and  $T_i = \text{sp}\{T_i\}$  for all  $i=1, \dots, \tau$ . A basis  $B_\alpha = \{\underline{x}_1^{i_1}, \dots, \underline{x}_{\omega_1}^{i_1}; \dots; \underline{x}_1^{i_j}, \dots, \underline{x}_{\omega_j}^{i_j}; \dots; \underline{x}_1^{i_\mu}, \dots, \underline{x}_{\omega_\mu}^{i_\mu}\}$  for  $T_1$  may be defined in the following way:

$B_\alpha(i_1) = \{\underline{x}_1^{i_1}, \dots, \underline{x}_{\omega_1}^{i_1}\}$  is a basis for  $T_\tau$  and  $i_1 = \tau$ . If  $i_2$  is the maximal index for which  $T_\tau = T_{\tau-1} = \dots = T_{i_2+1} \subset T_{i_2}$ , then  $B_\alpha(i_2) = \{\underline{x}_1^{i_2}, \dots, \underline{x}_{\omega_2}^{i_2}\}$  is a maximal set of independent column vectors in  $T_{i_2}$  which do not belong to  $T_{i_1}$ .

Similarly, let  $i_3$  be the maximal index for which  $T_{i_2} = T_{i_2+1} = \dots = T_{i_3+1} \subset T_{i_3}$ ; then let  $B_\alpha(i_3) = \{\underline{x}_1^{i_3}, \dots, \underline{x}_{\omega_3}^{i_3}\}$  be the maximal set of independent column vectors in  $T_{i_3}$ , which are not in  $T_{i_2}$ . The procedure eventually

terminates for some index  $i_\mu$  for which we have that  $\dots = T_{i_\mu-2} = T_{i_\mu-1} \subset T_{i_\mu}$ ,  $T_{i_\mu-1} = \dots = T_1$ ; then  $B_\alpha(i_\mu) = \{\underline{x}_1^{i_\mu}, \dots, \underline{x}_{\omega_\mu}^{i_\mu}\}$  is a maximal set of independent column vectors in  $T_{i_\mu}$  which are not in  $T_{i_\mu-1}$ . The basis  $B_\alpha$  for  $T_1$

$$B_\alpha = \{B_\alpha(i_1); \dots; B_\alpha(i_j); \dots; B_\alpha(i_\mu)\}$$

$$= \{\underline{x}_1^{i_1}, \dots, \underline{x}_{\omega_1}^{i_1}; \dots; \underline{x}_1^{i_j}, \dots, \underline{x}_{\omega_j}^{i_j}; \dots; \underline{x}_1^{i_\mu}, \dots, \underline{x}_{\omega_\mu}^{i_\mu}\} \quad (4.63)$$

which has been constructed with the procedure described above, will be called a normal basis of generators of  $(F,G)$  at  $s=\alpha$ . The ordered set of

indices  $L=\{(i_1, \omega_1), \dots, (i_j, \omega_j), \dots, (i_\mu, \omega_\mu): i_1=\tau > i_2 > \dots > i_j > \dots > i_\mu\}$  will be referred to as the list of  $B_\alpha$  and every vector in  $B_\alpha(i_j)$  will be called an  $i_j$ -th order generator of  $(F, G)$  at  $s=\alpha$ . Every  $i_j$ -th order generator  $x_{-k}^{i_j}$  in  $B_\alpha(i_j)$  defines a column in  $N_\alpha^\tau$ , and by partitioning this column vector in the natural way implied by the partitioning of  $N_\alpha^\tau$  we obtain an  $i_j$ -th length independent chain of vectors  $S_\alpha(i_j, x_{-k}^{i_j}) = \{x_{-k,1}^{i_j}, \dots, x_{-k,i_j}^{i_j}: x_{-k,1}^{i_j} = x_{-k}^{i_j}\}$  for which

$$\begin{aligned} Gx_{-k,1}^{i_j} &= \alpha Fx_{-k,1}^{i_j}, \quad Gx_{-k,2}^{i_j} = \alpha Fx_{-k,2}^{i_j} + Fx_{-k,1}^{i_j}, \dots \\ \dots, Gx_{-k,i_j}^{i_j} &= \alpha Fx_{-k,i_j}^{i_j} + Fx_{-k,i_j-1}^{i_j} \end{aligned} \quad (4.64)$$

$S_\alpha(i_j, x_{-k}^{i_j})$  will be called an  $i_j$ -th order prime chain of  $(F, G)$  at  $s=\alpha$  and the space defined by  $S_{i_j}^k = \text{sp}\{x_{-k,1}^{i_j}, \dots, x_{-k,i_j}^{i_j}\}$  is  $i_j$ -dimensional and will be called an  $i_j$ -th order prime subspace of  $(F, G)$  at  $s=\alpha$ . The set of all prime chains of all possible orders will be denoted by  $\Sigma_\alpha(F, G) = \{S_\alpha(i_1, x_{-1}^{i_1}), \dots, S_\alpha(i_1, x_{\omega_1}^{i_1}); \dots; S_\alpha(i_\mu, x_{-1}^{i_\mu}), \dots, S_\alpha(i_\mu, x_{\omega_\mu}^{i_\mu})\}$  and the set of all prime subspaces of all possible order by  $S_\alpha(F, G) = \{S_{i_1}^1, \dots, S_{i_1}^{\omega_1}; \dots; S_{i_\mu}^1, \dots, S_{i_\mu}^{\omega_\mu}\}$ ;  $\Sigma_\alpha(F, G)$  and  $S_\alpha(F, G)$  will be called respectively a complete prime set of chains and a complete prime set of subspaces of  $(F, G)$  at  $s=\alpha$ .

An obvious property of every  $i_j$ -th order prime chain, following from the fact that  $N_\alpha^\tau$  is a basis matrix of the maximal dimension  $N_\alpha^i$  type space is given next.

Remark (4.11): Every  $i_j$ -th order prime chain  $S_\alpha(i_j, x_{-k}^{i_j})$  is of maximal length  $i_j$ . The set  $\Sigma_\alpha(F, G)$  is made up from maximal chains with possible lengths  $i_1, i_2, \dots, i_\mu$ .

With these definitions in mind, we may give the following result summarising the properties of the  $S_\alpha(F, G)$  and  $\Sigma_\alpha(F, G)$  sets.

Theorem (4.5): Let  $N_\alpha^\tau$  be a nested basis of  $N_\alpha^\tau$ ,  $\tau$  is the index of annihilation of  $(F,G)$  at  $s=\alpha$ ,  $B_\alpha$  a corresponding normal basis of generators, with an associated list  $L=\{(i_1, \omega_1), \dots, (i_\mu, \omega_\mu): i_1=\tau > i_2 > \dots > i_\mu\}$ , and let  $S_\alpha(F,G)$  be the corresponding complete prime set of subspaces of  $(F,G)$  at  $s=\alpha$ . Then, we have the following properties:

- (i) The list  $L$  is an invariant of all nested basis matrices of  $N_\alpha^\tau$ .
- (ii) If  $I=\{(d_1, \sigma_1), \dots, (d_\rho, \sigma_\rho): d_1 < \dots < d_\rho\}$  is the index set of  $(F,G)$  at  $s=\alpha$ , then  $\mu=\rho$  and the sets  $I, L$  are related as follows:

$$(d_1, \sigma_1) = (i_\rho, \omega_\rho), (d_2, \sigma_2) = (i_{\rho-1}, \omega_{\rho-1}), \dots, (d_\rho, \sigma_\rho) = (i_1, \omega_1) \quad (4.65)$$

where by  $(d, \sigma) \stackrel{\Delta}{=} (i, \omega)$  we mean that  $d=i$  and  $\sigma=\omega$ .

- (iii) Any complete prime set of subspaces  $S_\alpha(F,G)$ , or any complete prime set of chains  $\Sigma_\alpha(F,G)$ , is linearly independent.

- (iv) If  $M_\alpha^*$  is the maximal generalised nullspace of  $(F,G)$  at  $s=\alpha$ , then  $M_\alpha^*$  may be expressed in terms of the  $i_j$ -th order prime subspaces  $S_{i_j}^k$  of any set  $S_\alpha(F,G)$  as

$$M_\alpha^* = S_{i_1}^1 \oplus \dots \oplus S_{i_1}^{\omega_1} \oplus \dots \oplus S_{i_\mu}^1 \oplus \dots \oplus S_{i_\mu}^{\omega_\mu} \quad (4.66)$$

### Proof

- (i) Let  $N_\alpha^\tau, \tilde{N}_\alpha^\tau$  be two nested basis matrices of  $N_\alpha^\tau$ . By Proposition (4.7)  $\tilde{N}_\alpha^\tau = N_\alpha^\tau P_\tau$  and thus the blocks on the main nonzero diagonal are related by  $\tilde{X}_i^1 = X_i^1 P_i^1$ ,  $i=1, 2, \dots, \tau$ , where  $P_i^1$  are square nonsingular matrices. Then,

$$\tilde{T}_i = [\tilde{X}_\tau^1, \tilde{X}_{\tau-1}^1, \dots, \tilde{X}_i^1] = [X_\tau^1, X_{\tau-1}^1, \dots, X_i^1] \text{diag}\{P_\tau^\tau, P_{\tau-1}^{\tau-1}, \dots, P_i^1\} \quad i=1, 2, \dots, \tau \quad (4.67a)$$

By (4.67a) and the selection procedure given in Definition (4.4), it is obvious that the lists of  $B_\alpha$  and  $\tilde{B}_\alpha$  are the same.

- (ii) Since the list is an invariant of any nested basis of  $N_\alpha^\tau$ , we may use a particular basis for the exploration of the links of  $L$  and  $I$ . Choose as



(iv) Since the set  $\{Q, \dots, Q\}$  is linearly independent, in order to prove the direct sum decomposition (4.66) we have to show that

$$\hat{T}_1 = Q[E_\tau^1, E_{\tau-1}^1, \dots, E_1^1] = QT_e \quad (4.67b)$$

where  $E_i^1 \triangleq E^1(\phi_i)$ . Clearly, the lists computed on  $\hat{T}_1$  and  $T_e$  are the same; thus, we may use  $T_e$  for the computation of the list of any  $T_1$  matrix. From the definition of the  $E_i^1$  matrices we have that  $\text{rank}\{E_i^1\} = \text{rank}\{E_i^1\} = \eta_i - \eta_{i-1}$ ; thus for the  $(i_1, \omega_1)$  pair we have that  $i_1 = \tau = d_\rho$  and  $\omega_1 = \eta_\tau - \eta_{\tau-1} = \sigma_\rho$ . If  $i_2$  is the maximal index for which  $\text{sp}\{E_\tau^1\} = \text{sp}\{E_{\tau-1}^1\} = \dots = \text{sp}\{E_{i_2+1}^1\} \subset \text{sp}\{E_{i_2}^1\}$ , then we have that

$$E_\tau^1 = E_{\tau-1}^1 = \dots = E_{i_2+1}^1 \subset^c E_{i_2}^1 \quad (4.67c)$$

where  $\subset^c$  implies that the columns of  $E_{i_2+1}^1$  are strictly contained in the columns of  $E_{i_2}^1$ , and that

$$\eta_\tau - \eta_{\tau-1} = \eta_{\tau-1} - \eta_{\tau-2} = \dots = \eta_{i_2+1} - \eta_{i_2} < \eta_{i_2} - \eta_{i_2-1} \quad (4.67d)$$

By Proposition (4.5) and conditions (4.67d), it follows that  $i_2$  is singular point of the piecewise arithmetic progression sequence  $\{\eta_0, \eta_1, \dots, \eta_{i_2}, \eta_{i_2+1}, \dots, \eta_\tau\}$  and thus  $i_2 = d_{\rho-1}$ . By condition (4.67c) the maximal number of independent vectors in  $T_{i_2}$ , which are not in  $T_{i_2+1}$  is equal to  $\omega_2 = (\eta_{i_2} - \eta_{i_2-1}) - (\eta_{i_2+1} - \eta_{i_2}) = 2\eta_{i_2} - \eta_{i_2-1} - \eta_{i_2+1} = \delta_{i_2}$ , where  $\delta_{i_2}$  is the gap of the sequence at  $i_2$ . By Proposition (4.5), we have that

$\sigma_{\rho-1} = \delta_{\rho-1} = \delta_{i_2} = \omega_2$ . By repeating the arguments used in the above step, it follows that  $\mu = \rho$  and that

$$(d_{\rho-2}, \sigma_{\rho-2}) = (i_3, \omega_3), \dots, (d_1, \omega_1) = (i_\rho, \omega_\rho)$$

(iii) A complete prime set of chains  $\Sigma_\alpha(F, G)$  is generated by the vectors of  $B_\alpha$ . Since the vectors in  $B_\alpha$  are linearly independent, then by Proposition (4.10) the chains in  $\Sigma_\alpha(F, G)$  are independent and the set of subspaces  $S_\alpha(F, G)$  is also independent.



(iv) Since the set  $S_\alpha(F, G)$  is linearly independent, in order to prove the direct sum decomposition (4.66) we have to show that

$$M_\alpha^* = \sum_{j=1}^{\omega_1} S_{i_1}^j + \dots + \sum_{j=1}^{\omega_\mu} S_{i_\mu}^j$$

By Proposition (4.9) it follows that for  $\forall k \in \mu$  and  $j \in \omega_k$  we have that  $S_{i_k}^j \in M_\alpha^*$ ; given that  $S_{i_k}^j$  are linearly independent for all  $k \in \mu$  and  $j \in \omega_k$  we have that the subspace

$$W = \left\{ \bigoplus_{j=1}^{\omega_1} S_{i_1}^j \right\} \oplus \dots \oplus \left\{ \bigoplus_{j=1}^{\omega_\mu} S_{i_\mu}^j \right\} \subseteq M_\alpha^* \quad (4.67e)$$

and that  $\dim W = \sum_{k=1}^{\mu} \sum_{j=1}^{\omega_k} S_{i_k}^j = \sum_{j=1}^{\mu} i_j \omega_j$ . By part (ii) of the theorem and the last expression for  $\dim W$ , we also have that  $\dim W = \sum_{i=1}^{\rho} d_i \sigma_i$ , where  $(d_i, \sigma_i)$  are the element of  $I$ . However, by Corollary (4.4),  $\eta_\tau = \sum_{i=1}^{\rho} d_i \sigma_i = \dim W$ , and since  $\eta_\tau = \dim M_\alpha^*$ , we have  $\dim M_\alpha^* = \dim W$ . The conditions  $\dim M_\alpha^* = \dim W$  and  $W \subseteq M_\alpha^*$  clearly imply that  $W = M_\alpha^*$ .  $\square$

The above result suggests an alternative procedure for the computation of the index set  $I$  of  $(F, G)$  at  $s = \alpha$ ; a procedure for finding a set of linearly independent maximal prime chains of vectors characterising the set of e.d. at  $s = \alpha$ , is also suggested by Theorem (4.5). We may summarise this procedure as follows:

Nested basis matrix approach: Let  $\tau$  be the index of annihilation of  $(F, G)$  at  $s = \alpha$  and let  $N_\alpha^\tau$  be a nested basis matrix for  $N_\alpha^\tau$ . Following the steps suggested by Definition (4.4) we find:

(i) A normal basis for generators  $B_\alpha = \{B_\alpha(i_1); \dots; B_\alpha(i_j); \dots; B_\alpha(i_\mu)\}$ , the associated list of  $B_\alpha$ ,  $L = \{(i_1, \omega_1), \dots, (i_j, \omega_j), \dots, (i_\mu, \omega_\mu) : i_1 = \tau > i_2 > \dots > i_j > \dots > i_\mu\}$ , and the corresponding complete prime set of chains  $\Sigma_\alpha(F, G) = \{S_\alpha(i_1, x_{i_1}^1), \dots, S_\alpha(i_1, x_{\omega_1}^1); \dots; S_\alpha(i_\mu, x_{i_\mu}^\mu), \dots, S_\alpha(i_\mu, x_{\omega_\mu}^\mu)\}$ , generated by  $B_\alpha$ .

(ii) By reordering the elements of  $L$  in ascending order of the  $i_j$  and renaming them, we obtain  $I$  as follows: set  $\mu=\rho$  and define

$$(d_1, \sigma_1) = (i_\rho, \omega_\rho), (d_2, \sigma_2) = (i_{\rho-1}, \omega_{\rho-1}), \dots, (d_\rho, \sigma_\rho) = (i_1, \omega_1)$$

(iii) By reordering the elements of  $\Sigma_\alpha(F, G)$  in ascending order of the  $i_j$  and by using  $I$  for its parametrisation we obtain the set

$$\tilde{\Sigma}_\alpha(F, G) = \{S_\alpha(d_1, \underline{x}_1^{d_1}), \dots, S_\alpha(d_1, \underline{x}_{\sigma_1}^{d_1}); \dots; S_\alpha(d_\rho, \underline{x}_1^{d_\rho}), \dots, S_\alpha(d_\rho, \underline{x}_{\sigma_\rho}^{d_\rho})\}$$

$\tilde{\Sigma}_\alpha(F, G)$  will be referred to as normal complete prime set of chains of  $(F, G)$  at  $s=\alpha$ . Every chain  $S_\alpha(d_i, \underline{x}_j^{d_i})$ ,  $j \in \underline{\sigma}_i$ , is a maximal chain of linearly independent vectors characterising an e.d.  $(s-\alpha)^{d_i}$ ; the chain in  $\tilde{\Sigma}_\alpha(F, G)$  are linearly independent and the associated subspaces  $S_{d_i}^j$  provide a direct sum decomposition for  $M_\alpha^*$  as in (4.66).  $\square$

This third approach, based on a nested basis matrix, has the advantage that apart from the computation of  $I$ , also yields the set  $\tilde{\Sigma}_\alpha(F, G)$  of vector chains characterising the set of e.d. of  $(F, G)$  at  $s=\alpha$ ; thus, on one hand provides the means for the computation of the Weierstrass canonical form, and on the other hand indicates the procedure for the derivation of a transformation pair  $(R, Q)$  that reduces  $(F, G) \xrightarrow{(R, Q)} (F_w, G_w)$ . We conclude this section by giving a result that suggests how we can construct a nested basis matrix of  $N_\alpha^\tau$  from any basis matrix of  $N_\alpha^\tau$ .

Proposition (4.11): The column echelon form basis matrix,  $H_\alpha^C$ , of  $N_\alpha^\tau$  which has its column ordered from right to left, is a canonical nested basis matrix of  $N_\alpha^\tau$ .

#### Proof

Let  $\hat{P}_\alpha^\tau, N_\alpha^\tau \in \mathbb{C}^{\tau n \times \eta_\tau}$  be two right annihilators of  $P_\alpha^\tau(F, G)$ , where  $\tau$  is the index of annihilation of  $(F, G)$  at  $s=\alpha$ , and  $N_\alpha^\tau$  is a nested basis matrix. Then there exists  $T \in \mathbb{C}^{\eta_\tau \times \eta_\tau}$ ,  $|T| \neq 0$ , such that  $N_\alpha^\tau = \hat{P}_\alpha^\tau T$ , and thus  $N_\alpha^\tau, \hat{P}_\alpha^\tau$  are

right (column) equivalent and the equivalence class of all right annihilators of  $N_\alpha^\tau$  is characterised by a unique column Hermite form (column echelon form) [Mar & Min - 1]. To construct the echelon form we may start from  $N_\alpha^\tau$ . The standard procedure for the construction of the column echelon form may be applied on the column blocks of  $N_\alpha^\tau$ , with the only difference that we start from the last block, the  $\tau$ -th order and we go backward to the 1-st order block. It is readily verified that every column operation used does not affect the structure of the nested basis, and thus the reduction of  $N_\alpha^\tau$  to  $H_\alpha^C$  is achieved by transformations of the type (4.38a,b).  $\square$

Remark (4.12): A nested basis matrix  $N_\alpha^\tau$  for  $N_\alpha^\tau$  may be constructed from any basis matrix  $\hat{P}_\alpha^\tau$  of  $N_\alpha^\tau$  by the type of elementary column operations used for the reduction of  $\hat{P}_\alpha^\tau$  to its column echelon form, which has its columns ordered from right to left.

The analysis so far has been restricted to the case of a single frequency  $s=\alpha$ ; clearly, the results are the same for the case of  $s=\infty$ , with the only difference that the matrices  $P_\infty^i(F,G)$  are now considered instead of the  $P_\alpha^i(F,G)$  matrices. We close this chapter by discussing some properties of the set of subspaces  $M_\alpha^*$ , where  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  and  $\alpha F - G$  singular. The results presented next provide alternative techniques for the derivation of the Weierstrass canonical form of a regular pencil.

#### 4.5 On the derivation of Weierstrass canonical form of a regular pencil

The key notion for the derivation of the Weierstrass canonical form is the index set  $I_\alpha$ , or equivalently the Segre characteristic  $S_\alpha$  of  $(F,G)$  at  $s=\alpha$ . The computation of the Weierstrass form may be achieved, without finding the pair of transformations  $(R,Q)$  which reduce  $(F,G)$  to  $(F_w, G_w)$ ; however, in a number of applications it is important to know also a pair  $(R,Q)$ , apart from the canonical form itself. In the following, those two problems are considered.

Segré characteristic based approach: For the  $n \times n$  regular pencil  $sF - G$  the Weierstrass form  $sF_W - G_W$  may be computed without finding a pair  $(R, Q)$  for which  $R(sF - G)Q = sF_W - G_W$ . The suggested procedure is as follows:

(i) Find  $sF - G = c_m s^m + c_{m-1} s^{m-1} + \dots + c_0$ , where  $m \leq n$ , and find the roots of  $sF - G$ , with multiplicities included, say the set  $\{(\alpha_1, \pi_1), \dots, (\alpha_\mu, \pi_\mu)\}$ , where  $\alpha_i$  is a root and  $\pi_i$  is the corresponding algebraic multiplicity of the root. If  $m < n$ , then  $sF - G$  loses rank at  $s = \infty$ , and  $|sF - G|$  has a root at  $s = \infty$  with algebraic multiplicity  $\pi_\infty = n - m$ . The set  $\bar{R} = \{(\infty, \pi_\infty), (\alpha_1, \pi_1), \dots, (\alpha_\mu, \pi_\mu)\}$  will be called the root set of  $(F, G)$ , whereas the set of distinct roots  $R = \{\infty, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_\mu\}$  will be called the root range of  $(F, G)$ .

(ii) For every  $\beta \in R$  compute the matrices  $P_\beta^i(F, G)$  and dimensions of  $N_r\{P_\beta^i(F, G)\}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots$ , say  $\eta_i^\beta$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots$ . From the numbers  $\{\eta_1^\beta, \eta_2^\beta, \dots, \eta_i^\beta, \dots\}$  find the Segré characteristic by using the Ferrer's diagram, or the Piecewise Arithmetic Progression Sequence diagram. Note that since the set  $\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_\mu\}$  is symmetric (the complex numbers are in complex conjugate pairs), the computations are carried out for  $\infty$ , the real elements of  $R$  and for only one number of every complex conjugate pair  $(\alpha_i, \bar{\alpha}_i)$ .

(iii) The set  $S_e(F, G) = \{S_\infty, S_{\alpha_1}, \dots, S_{\alpha_\mu}\}$ , where  $S_\beta$  is the Segré characteristic of  $(F, G)$  at  $s = \beta$ ,  $\beta \in R$ , is called the Segré characteristic of  $(F, G)$  and defined the Weierstrass form of  $(F, G)$ . Note if  $\tau_\beta$  is the index of annihilation of  $(F, G)$  at  $s = \beta$ , then  $\eta_{\tau_\beta}^\beta = \pi_\beta$ .

Remark (4.13): For the derivation of the Weierstrass form with the procedure suggested above, the set  $R$  is needed for the computations, i.e. the set of distinct complex numbers in  $\mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  for which  $sF - G$  loses rank, and not  $\bar{R}$ . If  $\bar{R}$  is available, then it may be used for the computation of  $\tau_\beta$ , since  $\tau_\beta$  will be the index for which  $\eta_{\tau_\beta}^\beta = \pi_\beta$ .

The procedure discussed so far for the computation of  $(F_W, G_W)$  does not



indicate how a pair  $(R, Q)$ , such that  $R(sF - G)Q = sF_w - G_w$  may be computed. To define such a pair of transformations we have to use the properties of the nested basis matrices discussed in section (4.4). Before we proceed to the discussion of an alternative procedure for the derivation of the Weierstrass form we give the following useful result.

Theorem (4.6): Let  $R = \{\infty, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_\mu\}$  be the root range of  $(F, G)$  and let  $M_\beta^*$  be the maximal generalised nullspace of  $(F, G)$  at  $s = \beta$ ,  $\beta \in R$ . The following properties hold true:

- (i) The set of subspaces of  $\mathbb{C}^n \{M_\infty^*, M_{\alpha_1}^*, \dots, M_{\alpha_\mu}^*\}$  are linearly independent.
- (ii)  $\mathbb{C}^n = M_\infty^* \oplus M_{\alpha_1}^* \oplus \dots \oplus M_{\alpha_\mu}^*$ .

Proof

Let  $(R, Q)$  be a pair of transformations which reduce  $(F, G)$  to its Weierstrass form  $(F_w, G_w)$ , i.e.

$$R(sF - G)Q = sF_w - G_w = \text{diag}\{D(\infty); D(\alpha_1); \dots; D(\alpha_\mu)\} \quad (4.68a)$$

where

$$D(\infty) = \text{diag}\{I_{q_1} - sH_{q_1}; \dots; I_{q_p} - sH_{q_p}\} \quad (6.68b)$$

$$D(\alpha_i) = \text{diag}\{sI_{d_{i,1}} - J_{d_{i,1}}(\alpha_i); \dots; sI_{d_{i,v_i}} - J_{d_{i,v_i}}(\alpha_i)\}, \quad i \in \mu$$

If we partition  $Q$  according to the partitioning of  $sF_w - G_w$  in (4.68a), i.e.  $Q = [Q_\infty, Q_1, \dots, Q_\mu]$ , then clearly the set of subspaces defined by  $\tau_\infty = \text{col.-sp}\{Q_\infty\}, \tau_{\alpha_i} = \text{col.-sp}\{Q_i\}, i \in \mu$  are linearly independent, since  $Q_\infty, Q_1, \dots, Q_\mu$  are column blocks of the full rank matrix  $Q$ . We shall show that  $\tau_\infty = M_\infty^*, \tau_{\alpha_i} = M_{\alpha_i}^*, i \in \mu$  and thus part (i) and (ii) of the result will be evident. The result will be proved for a general  $\alpha$ , whereas the proof for  $\alpha = \infty$  is similar.

Let  $I_\alpha = \{(d_1, \sigma_1), \dots, (d_\rho, \sigma_\rho), d_1 < \dots < d_\rho\}$  be the index set of  $(F, G)$  at  $s = \alpha$  and let  $Q_\alpha$  be the column block of  $Q$  that corresponds to  $D(\alpha)$ . The block



diagonal structure of  $D(\alpha)$  (as in (4.68b)) implies that  $Q_\alpha$  may be partitioned as

$$Q_\alpha = \begin{bmatrix} 1, d_1 & & \sigma_1, d_1 & & 1, d_\rho & & \sigma_\rho, d_\rho \\ Q_\alpha & \dots & Q_\alpha & \dots & Q_\alpha & \dots & Q_\alpha \end{bmatrix} \quad (4.68c)$$

If we now write every column block  $Q_\alpha^{j, d_i}$ ,  $j \in g_i$ ,  $i \in \rho$  into terms of its columns, i.e.  $Q_\alpha^{j, d_i} = [\underline{x}_1^{j, i}, \dots, \underline{x}_{d_i}^{j, i}]$ , then by the proof of Proposition (4.1) we have that

$$(G - \alpha F) \underline{x}_k^{j, i} = F \underline{x}_{k-1}^{j, i}, \quad k \in d_i, \quad \underline{x}_0^{j, i} = 0, \quad j \in g_i, \quad i \in \rho \quad (4.68d)$$

From the set of linearly independent vectors  $\{\underline{x}_k^{j, i}, k \in d_i, j \in g_i, i \in \rho\}$  we can construct a matrix  $Y_\alpha$  of dimension  $n \times \sum_{i=1}^{\rho} \sigma_i$  and with the structure of a nested basis matrix (eqn(4.37)), where the various blocks are formed in the following way:

- (i)  $X_1^1 = [\underline{x}_1^{1, 1}, \dots, \underline{x}_1^{\sigma_1, 1}; \dots; \underline{x}_1^{1, \rho}, \dots, \underline{x}_1^{\sigma_\rho, \rho}]$ , i.e. all vectors  $\underline{x}_1^{j, i}$  arranged in increasing order of  $d_i$ .
- (ii) Find all vector chains of length greater or equal to 2, and consider the set of all ordered pairs  $(\underline{x}_1^{j, i}, \underline{x}_2^{j, i})$  from these chains. The matrices  $X_2^2, X_2^1$  are then constructed as

$$\begin{bmatrix} X_2^1 \\ \hline X_2^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \dots, \begin{bmatrix} \underline{x}_1^{j, i} \\ \hline \underline{x}_2^{j, i} \end{bmatrix}, \dots \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{where } d_i \geq 2$$

and the columns are arranged in increasing order of  $d_i$ .

- (iii) The set of matrices  $X_k^k, X_k^{k-1}, \dots, X_k^1$ ,  $k=1, \dots, \rho$  are constructed as follows: Find all vector chains of length greater or equal to  $k$ , and consider the set of all ordered  $k$ -tuples  $(\underline{x}_1^{j, i}, \underline{x}_2^{j, i}, \dots, \underline{x}_{k-1}^{j, i}, \underline{x}_k^{j, i})$  from these chains. Then construct the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_k^1 \\ \hline x_k^2 \\ \vdots \\ \hline x_k^{k-1} \\ \hline x_k^k \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \dots, & \begin{bmatrix} x_{-1}^{j,i} \\ \hline x_{-2}^{j,i} \\ \vdots \\ \hline x_{-k-1}^{j,i} \\ \hline x_{-k}^{j,i} \end{bmatrix}, & \dots \end{bmatrix}, \text{ where } d_i \geq k$$

and the columns are arranged in increasing order of  $d_i$ .

The matrix  $Y_\alpha$  constructed with the above procedure has the following properties: it has dimensions  $n\tau_\alpha \times \sum_{i=1}^{\rho} \sigma_i$ ,  $\text{rank}(Y_\alpha) = \sum_{i=1}^{\rho} \sigma_i$  (since the set  $\{x_k^{j,i}, k \in d_i, j \in g_i, i \in \rho\}$  is linearly independent) and every column of  $Y_\alpha$  is in  $N_r^{\tau_\alpha}\{P_\alpha^T(F,G)\}$  (by conditions (4.68d)); thus,  $Y_\alpha$  is a nested basis matrix of  $(F,G)$  at  $s=\alpha$ . By construction the matrices  $Y_\alpha^1 = [X_1^1, X_2^2, \dots, X_\rho^\rho]$ ,  $\rho = \tau_\alpha$ , and  $Q_\alpha$  have the same set of columns, arranged in different order; thus  $\text{col-sp}\{Y_\alpha^1\} = M_\alpha^* = \text{col-sp}\{Q_\alpha\} = \tau_\alpha$  and the result is established.  $\square$

The problem of finding a pair  $(R, Q), R, Q \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}, |R|, |Q| \neq 0$ , such that  $(F, -G) \xrightarrow{(R, Q)} (RFQ, -RGQ) = (F_w, -G_w)$  is considered next. This problem may be expressed in matrix form by the equation

$$R[F, -G] \begin{bmatrix} Q & 0 \\ 0 & Q \end{bmatrix} = [F_w, -G_w] \quad (4.69)$$

or equivalently by the matrix equation

$$[FQ, -GQ] = \hat{R}[F_{\bar{w}}, -G_{\bar{w}}] \quad (4.70)$$

where  $\hat{R}=R^{-1}$ ,  $(F, -G)$  the given pair,  $(F_w, -G_w)$  its Weierstrass form and  $(Q, \hat{R})$  are the unknown  $n \times n$  matrices which must be of full rank. The solvability of this equation is characterised by the following result.

Corollary (4.9): Necessary and sufficient condition for the existence of a solution pair  $(\hat{R}, Q)$  of eqn(4.70), where  $\hat{R}, Q$  are  $n \times n$  full rank matrices, is that  $Q$  is expressed as

$$Q = [Q_\infty, Q_{\alpha_1}, \dots, Q_\beta, \dots, Q_{\alpha_\mu}] \quad (4.71)$$

where the columns of  $Q_\beta$  form a complete prime set of chains of  $(F, G)$  at  $s=\beta$ , for every  $\beta \in R$ . If  $Q$  is chosen as above and if  $\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{F}_w \\ -\tilde{G}_w \end{bmatrix}$  is a right inverse  $[F_w, -G_w]$ , then  $\hat{R} = R^{-1}$  is given by

$$\hat{R} = FQ\tilde{F}_w + GQ\tilde{G}_w \quad (4.72)$$

### Proof

(Necessity): If  $(R, Q)$  reduces  $(F, G)$  to  $(F_w, G_w)$ , then by the Proof of Theorem (4.6), the columns of the  $Q_\beta$  column blocks of  $Q$ , for every  $\beta \in R$ , define a nested basis matrix  $Y_\beta$  for  $N_r\{P_\beta^\tau(F, G)\}$ . If we now start from  $Y_\beta$ , it is clear from the conditions (4.68c) and (4.68d) that the columns of  $Q_\beta$  form a complete prime set of chains of  $(F, G)$  at  $s=\beta$  and this proves the necessity.

(Sufficiency): Assume that  $Q$  is selected as in (4.71), where for every  $\beta \in R$  the columns of  $Q_\beta$  form a complete prime set of chains of  $(F, G)$  at  $s=\beta$ . Because of this property we have that the following conditions hold true:

(i) If  $\beta \in \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_\mu\}$ , then

$$GQ_\beta = FQ_\beta J_{p_\beta}(\beta) = FQ_\beta \text{diag}\{J_{\delta_1}(\beta), \dots, J_{\delta_\theta}(\beta)\} \quad (4.73a)$$

where  $\{\delta_1, \dots, \delta_\theta\}$  are the degrees of the e.d. at  $s=\beta$ ,  $J_{\delta_i}(\beta)$  denote standard Jordan blocks at  $\beta$  of dimensions  $\delta_i \times \delta_i$  and  $p_\beta = \sum \delta_i$ .

(ii) If  $\beta = \infty$ , then

$$FQ_\infty = GQ_\infty J_{q_\infty}(\infty) = GQ_\infty \text{diag}\{J_{q_1}(0), \dots, J_{q_w}(0)\} \quad (4.73b)$$

where  $\{q_1, \dots, q_w\}$  are the degrees of the infinite e.d.,  $J_{q_j}(0)$  denote standard Jordan blocks at 0 of dimensions  $q_j \times q_j$  and  $q_\infty = \sum q_j$ .

Before we begin the study of solvability of eqn(4.70) for a given matrix  $Q$  satisfying conditions (4.73a) and (4.73b) we note that both  $sF - G, sF_w - G_w$

are regular and thus  $\text{rank } [FQ, -GQ] = n = \text{rank}[F_w, -G_w]$ . Thus, if a solution  $\hat{R}$  exists, then it is a nonsingular matrix. Since  $T_w = [F_w, -G_w] \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times 2n}$  and has rank  $n$ , a right inverse  $T_w^\dagger \in \mathbb{C}^{2n \times n}$  exists, that is  $T_w T_w^\dagger = I_n$ . If  $T_w^\perp$  is a right annihilator of  $T_w$ ,  $T_w^\perp \in \mathbb{C}^{2n \times n}$ ,  $\text{rank}\{T_w^\perp\} = n$  and  $T_w T_w^\perp = 0$ , then it is known that  $U = [T_w^\dagger, T_w^\perp] \in \mathbb{C}^{2n \times 2n}$  and has full rank  $(2n)$ . By multiplying both sides of (4.70) on the right by  $U$  we reduce (4.70) to the following equivalent set of conditions

$$[FQ, -GQ]T_w^\perp = 0 \quad (4.74a)$$

$$\hat{R} = [FQ, -GQ]T_w^\dagger \quad (4.74b)$$

Clearly (4.74a) is necessary and sufficient for the solvability of (4.70), since if (4.74a) is satisfied, then  $\hat{R}$  is defined by (4.74b).

In order to check (4.74a) we must compute a right annihilator of  $T_w$ . From the special structure of  $T_w$ , indicated below,

$$T_w = [F_w, -G_w] = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} Jq_\infty(\infty) & -Iq_\infty \\ \text{Ip}_{\alpha_1} \circledast & -Jp_{\alpha_1}(\alpha_1) \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ \text{Ip}_{\alpha_\mu} \circledast & -Jp_{\alpha_\mu}(\alpha_\mu) \end{array} \right] \quad (4.75a)$$

we can construct a matrix  $A$  as

$$A = \left[ \begin{array}{c} F_w^\dagger \\ -G_w^\dagger \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} Iq_\infty & \\ \text{Jp}_{\alpha_1}(\alpha_1) \circledast & \\ \vdots & \\ \text{Jp}_{\alpha_\mu}(\alpha_\mu) \circledast & \\ \hline Jq_\infty(\infty) & \\ \text{Ip}_{\alpha_1} \circledast & \\ \vdots & \\ \text{Ip}_{\alpha_\mu} \circledast & \end{array} \right] \quad (4.75b)$$

Clearly  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{2n \times n}$ ,  $\text{rank}\{A\} = n$  and  $T_w A = 0$ ; thus,  $A$  is a right annihilator of  $T_w$  and in (4.74a) we may set  $T_w^\perp = A$ . With this choice of  $T_w^\perp$  and by writing  $Q$



as in (4.71), eqn(4.74a) is reduced to the following equivalent set of conditions

$$FQ_{\infty} = GQ_{\infty}J_{q_{\infty}}(\infty), FQ_{\beta}J_{p_{\beta}}(\beta) = GQ_{\beta}, \forall \beta \in \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{\mu}\} \quad (4.75c)$$

However, by conditions (4.73a) and (4.73b) it is obvious that conditions (4.75c) are automatically satisfied and this proves the sufficiency.

If we now denote by  $T_w^{\perp} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{F}_w \\ -\tilde{G}_w \end{bmatrix}$  a right inverse of  $T_w$ , then by condition (4.74b), eqn(4.72) is derived.  $\square$

The matrices  $\hat{R}$ , defined for a given  $Q$ , which satisfies the conditions of Corollary (4.9), are not uniquely defined, since the right inverse is not uniquely defined. The parametrisation of the family of the  $\hat{R}$  matrices is described next. Before we state the result we introduce some useful notation. Let  $Q = [Q_{\infty}, Q_{\alpha_1}, \dots, Q_{\beta}, \dots, Q_{\alpha_{\mu}}]$  be  $n \times n$  nonsingular matrix, where the columns of  $Q_{\beta}$ ,  $\forall \beta \in R$ , form a normal complete prime set of chains of  $(F, G)$  at  $s = \beta$ . If  $Q_{\beta}$  is of dimension  $n \times p_{\beta}$  and  $I_{\beta} = \{(d_1, \sigma_1), \dots, (d_{\rho}, \sigma_{\rho})\}$ ;  $d_1 < \dots < d_{\rho}$  is the index set of  $(F, G)$  at  $s = \beta$ ,  $p_{\beta} = \sum_{i=1}^{\rho} d_i$ , then we define as the  $J_{p_{\beta}}(\beta)$  matrix of  $Q_{\beta}$ , for  $\beta \in \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{\mu}\}$ , the matrix

$$J_{p_{\beta}} = \text{diag} \left\{ \underbrace{J_{d_1}(\beta); \dots; J_{d_1}(\beta)}_{\sigma_1}; \dots; \underbrace{J_{d_{\rho}}(\beta); \dots; J_{d_{\rho}}(\beta)}_{\sigma_{\rho}} \right\} \quad (4.76a)$$

where  $J_{d_i}(\beta)$  are standard Jordan blocks for  $\beta$  of dimension  $d_i$ . For the case of  $\beta = \infty$ , and if  $I_{\infty} = \{(q_1, t_1), \dots, (q_v, t_v)\}$ ;  $q_1 < \dots < q_v$  is the index set of  $(F, G)$  at  $s = \infty$ ,  $q_{\infty} = \sum_{i=1}^v q_i$ , then

$$J_{q_{\infty}}(\infty) = \text{diag} \left\{ \underbrace{J_{q_1}(0); \dots; J_{q_1}(0)}_{t_1}; \dots; \underbrace{J_{q_v}(0); \dots; J_{q_v}(0)}_{t_v} \right\} \quad (4.76b)$$

Remark (4.14): For every matrix  $Q = [Q_{\infty}, Q_{\alpha_1}, \dots, Q_{\beta}, \dots, Q_{\alpha_{\mu}}]$ , where the columns of  $Q_{\beta}$  form a normal complete set of chains of  $(F, G)$  at  $s = \beta$ ,  $\beta \in R$ , the following properties hold true:



$$GQ_\beta = FQ_\beta J_{p_\beta}(\beta) \text{ for } \forall \beta \in \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_\mu\} \quad (4.77a)$$

$$FQ_\infty = GQ_\infty J_{q_\infty}(\infty)$$

The family of matrices  $\hat{R}$  is defined by.

Corollary (4.10): Let  $Q = [Q_\infty, Q_{\alpha_1}, \dots, Q_\beta, \dots, Q_{\alpha_\mu}]$  be any  $n \times n$  matrix for  $\forall \beta \in R$  the columns of  $Q_\beta$  form a normal complete set of chains of  $(F, G)$  at  $s = \beta$ . Then,

(i) A particular solution of eqn(4.70) is given by

$$\hat{R}_0 = F \underbrace{[0, Q_{\alpha_1}, \dots, Q_{\alpha_\mu}]_{n \times n}}_{n \times n} + G \underbrace{[Q_\infty, 0, \dots, 0]_{n \times n}}_{n \times n} \quad (4.78)$$

(ii) The general family of solutions of eqn(4.70) is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{R} = \hat{R}_0 &+ F[Q_\infty, Q_{\alpha_1} J_{p_{\alpha_1}}(\alpha_1), \dots, Q_{\alpha_\mu} J_{p_{\alpha_\mu}}(\alpha_\mu)]U + \\ &- G[Q_\infty J_{q_\infty}(\infty), Q_{\alpha_1}, \dots, Q_{\alpha_\mu}]U \end{aligned} \quad (4.78)$$

where  $U$  is an arbitrary  $n \times n$  matrix.

#### Proof

(i) By inspection of (4.57a) a right inverse of  $T_w$  is defined by

$$T_w^\dagger = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{F}_w \\ -\tilde{G}_w \end{bmatrix}, \quad \tilde{F}_w = \text{diag}\{0, I_{p_{\alpha_1}}, \dots, I_{p_{\alpha_\mu}}\}, \quad \tilde{G}_w = \text{diag}\{I_{q_\infty}, 0, \dots, 0\} \quad (4.79a)$$

and thus, by (4.72) and the partitioned form of  $Q$  (4.78) is established.

(ii) It is known ([Ra&Mit-1]) that a general family of right inverses for  $T_w$  is given by

$$T_w^\dagger = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{F}_w \\ -\tilde{G}_w \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} F'_w \\ -G'_w \end{bmatrix} U, \quad U \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n} \text{ arbitrary} \quad (4.79b)$$

where  $\tilde{F}_w, -\tilde{G}_w$  define a particular right inverse (as in (4.79a)) and  $\begin{bmatrix} F'_w \\ -G'_w \end{bmatrix}$  is a right annihilator of  $T_w$ . By choosing  $F'_w, G'_w$  as in (4.75b) and by noting that  $\hat{R}_0 = FQ\tilde{F}_w + GQ\tilde{G}_w$ , (4.78) is established.  $\square$

With Corollaries (4.9) and (4.10) the problem of defining the pairs  $(R, Q)$  is solved. The general procedure for the construction of the pairs is summarised below.

Integrated nested basis matrix approach: For the  $n \times n$  regular pencil  $sF - G$ , the Weierstrass form  $sF_w - G_w$  and the pairs  $(R, Q)$  for which  $R(sF - G)Q = sF_w - G_w$  may be constructed as it is discussed below:

(i) As with the Segre characteristic based approach, define the root range of  $(F, G)$ ,  $R = \{\infty, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_\mu\}$ , the indices of annihilation  $\tau_\beta$  of  $(F, G)$  at  $s = \beta$  for  $\forall \beta \in R$  and a right annihilator of  $P_\beta^{\tau_\beta}(F, G)$ ,  $\hat{P}_\beta^{\tau_\beta}$  of  $P_\beta^{\tau_\beta}(F, G)$  for  $\forall \beta \in R$ .

(ii) By the Segre characteristic based approach, the canonical pair  $(F_w, G_w)$  may be constructed. Alternatively,  $(F_w, G_w)$  may be found as it is described below; the following approach also yields the pairs  $(R, Q)$ .

(iii) Reduce every matrix  $\hat{P}_\beta^{\tau_\beta}$  to a nested basis matrix  $N_\beta^{\tau_\beta}$ , for every  $\beta \in R$ , by elementary column operations.

(iv) Follow the steps of the nested basis matrix approach, described before to compute a normal complete prime set of chains  $\tilde{\Sigma}_\beta(F, G)$  for  $\forall \beta \in R$ . The procedure generates  $(F_w, G_w)$  in an alternative way.

(v) Construct an  $n \times n$ , nonsingular matrix  $Q$ , as  $Q = [Q_\infty, Q_{\alpha_1}, \dots, Q_{\alpha_\mu}]$ , where the columns of every block  $Q_\beta$ ,  $\beta \in R$ , are the vectors in the ordered set  $\tilde{\Sigma}_\beta(F, G)$ . The general family of  $\hat{R} = R^{-1}$  matrices is then given by (4.78).

#### 4.6 Conclusions

Three different approaches for the derivation of the Weierstrass canonical form of a regular pencil have been presented and a systematic procedure for the derivation of the pairs of transformations  $(R, Q)$  which reduce a pair  $(F, G)$  to its Weierstrass canonical description has been given. The approaches discussed present the set of strict equivalent invariants of a regular pencil as numerical invariants of the ordered

pair  $(F, G)$ ; this provides an alternative interpretation of the e.d. of a matrix pencil to that originally given in terms of the Smith form. The advantage of the approach is that it highlights the geometric aspects of the set of e.d., as these are defined by the properties of the nested basis matrices and the structure of the maximal generalised nullspaces. The geometry of the e.d. will be considered in some more details in Chapter 7; the results presented here will form the basis for the study of more general properties of the geometry of matrix pencils. The central feature of the present approach is that it is based on the rank properties and nullspaces properties of  $\alpha$ -Toeplitz matrices; thus, an efficient singular value decomposition algorithm for such matrices is the only numerical tool needed for the computations of  $(F_w, G_w)$  and of the pairs  $(R, Q)$ . The aim of the following chapter is to extend the present approach to the case of singular pencils.



## CHAPTER 5: NUMBER THEORETIC AND GEOMETRIC ASPECTS OF THE COLUMN AND ROW MINIMAL INDICES OF A SINGULAR PENCIL

### 5.1 Introduction

The aim of this chapter is to extend the number theoretic results, derived in chapter (4) for the characterisation of the e.d. structure of a regular pencil, to the case of c.m.i. and r.m.i. of a singular pencil and to provide a detailed study of the geometry of subspaces associated with the c.m.i., r.m.i. of a singular pencil. The number theoretic properties of c.m.i. (r.m.i.) are shown to be similar to those of an e.d. at  $s=\alpha$ , but the results are now based on the Toeplitz matrices of the pair  $(F,G)$  and not on the truncated  $\alpha$ - ( $\infty$ -) Toeplitz matrices used for the e.d. of a regular pencil. The unifying property between the present treatment and that of chapter (4) is the use of Piecewise Arithmetic Progression sequences. The geometric aspects of c.m.i. (r.m.i.) stem from the properties of the subspaces associated with the homogeneous polynomial vectors characterising the set of c.m.i. (r.m.i.). Such vectors are defined from the vectors in the right (left) nullspaces of the appropriate Toeplitz matrices and thus their definition is geometric, rather than algebraic (the classical approach is based on the theory of minimal bases of rational vector spaces).

The results presented here provide: First, an alternative procedure for the computation of minimal indices, which is independent from the use of strict equivalence transformations ([Gant. -1], [Van Do. -1]) and independent from the algebraic minimal basis approach ([For. -1]). Second, a purely geometric approach to the minimal basis theory [For. 1]. The geometric aspects of a singular pencil emerge as byproducts of the properties of Toeplitz matrices and thus they may be discussed as properties of the ordered pair  $(F,G)$  and independently from the pencil  $sF-\hat{s}G$ .



## 5.2 Toeplitz matrices and characteristic spaces of (F,G): definitions and preliminary results

In this section the notion of right and left Toeplitz matrices which may be associated with a general pencil  $sF - \hat{s}G$ , or a pair  $(F, G)$  is introduced and some preliminary nature results on the right, left nullspaces correspondingly are derived. These results form the basis for the analysis presented in the following section. The pencil  $sF - \hat{s}G$  (or the pair  $(F, G)$ ), is assumed to be a general singular pencil (pair).

Let  $sF - \hat{s}G \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}[s, \hat{s}]$  and let  $\text{rank}_{\mathbb{R}(s, \hat{s})}\{sF - \hat{s}G\} = \rho \leq \min(m, n)$ . For singular pencils, a complete set of invariants under strict equivalence is defined by the set of e. d. (finite and infinite) and the sets of c.m.i. and r.m.i. [Gan. -1], [Tur. & Ait. -1]. The minimal indices arise because of the singularity of the pencil, which in turn implies linear dependence amongst its columns and/or its rows; thus there exist polynomial vectors  $\underline{x}(s, \hat{s}) \in \mathbb{R}^n[s, \hat{s}]$ ,  $\underline{y}(s, \hat{s}) \in \mathbb{R}^m[s, \hat{s}]$  such that at least one of the following conditions is satisfied

$$\{sF - \hat{s}G\}\underline{x}(s, \hat{s}) = \underline{0} \iff \underline{x}(s, \hat{s}) \in N_r\{sF - \hat{s}G\} \quad (5.1)$$

$$\underline{y}^t(s, \hat{s})\{sF - \hat{s}G\} = \underline{0} \iff \underline{y}^t(s, \hat{s}) \in N_l\{sF - \hat{s}G\} \quad (5.2)$$

where  $N_r\{sF - \hat{s}G\}$ ,  $N_l\{sF - \hat{s}G\}$  denote the right, left nullspaces over  $\mathbb{R}(s, \hat{s})$  (binary rational vector spaces) respectively of  $sF - \hat{s}G$ . The binary vectors  $\underline{x}(s, \hat{s})$  and  $\underline{y}^t(s, \hat{s})$  express dependence relationships among the columns and rows correspondingly of  $sF - \hat{s}G$ ; conversely, every such relationship may be represented by a binary polynomial vector. Given that a non-homogeneous identity in  $(s, \hat{s})$  implies that each of its distinct homogeneous parts is an identity, there is no loss of generality in confining the discussion to the homogeneous identity of any order; thus, homogeneous polynomials  $\underline{x}(s, \hat{s})$  and  $\underline{y}^t(s, \hat{s})$  are considered. Nonhomogeneous solutions may always be expressed in terms of fundamental homogeneous solutions.

Let  $R_d[s, \hat{s}]$  be the abelian additive group of homogeneous polynomials with degree  $d$  and let  $R_d[s, \hat{s}]^n$  be the  $n$ -vector ( $n$ -tuple) with elements from  $R_d[s, \hat{s}]$ . If  $\underline{x}(s, \hat{s}) \in R_d[s, \hat{s}]^n$ ,  $\underline{y}(s, \hat{s}) \in R_c^m[s, \hat{s}]$ , then we may write

$$\underline{x}(s, \hat{s}) = \underline{x}_{o,d} \hat{s}^d + \underline{x}_{1,d-1} s \hat{s}^{d-1} + \dots + \underline{x}_{d-1,1} s^{d-1} \hat{s} + \underline{x}_{d,o} s^d = X_d \underline{e}_d(s, \hat{s}) \quad (5.3a)$$

$$\underline{y}^t(s, \hat{s}) = \underline{y}_{o,c}^t \hat{s}^c + \underline{y}_{1,c-1}^t s \hat{s}^{c-1} + \dots + \underline{y}_{c-1,1}^t s^{c-1} \hat{s} + \underline{y}_{c,o}^t s^c = \underline{e}_c^t(s, \hat{s}) Y_c \quad (5.3b)$$

where  $\underline{e}_k(s, \hat{s}) = [\hat{s}^k, s \hat{s}^{k-1}, \dots, s^{k-1} \hat{s}, s^k]^t$ . The matrices  $X_d \in R^{n \times (d+1)}$ ,  $Y_c \in R^{(c+1) \times m}$ , uniquely characterise the homogeneous binary polynomial vectors  $\underline{x}(s, \hat{s})$ ,  $\underline{y}^t(s, \hat{s})$  correspondingly and shall be referred to as basis matrices of  $\underline{x}(s, \hat{s})$ ,  $\underline{y}^t(s, \hat{s})$  respectively. The real vector spaces  $X = \text{col. span}_R \{X_d\}$  and  $Y = \text{row span}_R \{Y_c\}$  will be called the supporting spaces of  $\underline{x}(s, \hat{s})$ ,  $\underline{y}^t(s, \hat{s})$  correspondingly. The vector  $\underline{e}_k(s, \hat{s})$  will be referred to as the  $k$ -th vector of apolarity [Tur. & Ait. -1]. The characterisation of the binary homogeneous polynomial vectors which satisfy conditions (5.1) or (5.2) is given by the following result.

Proposition (5.1): Let  $\underline{x}(s, \hat{s}) = X_d \underline{e}_d(s, \hat{s}) \in R_d[s, \hat{s}]^n$ ,  $\underline{y}^t(s, \hat{s}) = \underline{e}_c^t(s, \hat{s}) Y_d \in R_c[s, \hat{s}]^{1 \times m}$ , where  $X_d, Y_d$  are defined as in (5.3a), (5.3b).

(i) The condition  $\{sF - \hat{s}G\} \underline{x}(s, \hat{s}) = 0$  is equivalent to

$$F \underline{x}_{d,o} = 0, F \underline{x}_{d-1,1} = G \underline{x}_{d,o}, \dots, F \underline{x}_{o,d} = G \underline{x}_{1,d-1}, 0 = G \underline{x}_{o,d} \quad (5.4a)$$

or equivalently,

$$\begin{bmatrix} F & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ -G & F & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & -G & F \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & -G \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \underline{x}_{d,o} \\ \underline{x}_{d-1,1} \\ \underline{x}_{1,d-1} \\ \underline{x}_{o,d} \end{bmatrix} = \underline{0} \quad (5.4b)$$

(ii) The condition  $\underline{y}^t(s, \hat{s}) \{sF - \hat{s}G\} = 0^t$  is equivalent to

$$\underline{y}_{c,o}^t F = 0^t, \underline{y}_{c-1,1}^t F = \underline{y}_{c,o}^t G, \dots, \underline{y}_{o,c}^t F = \underline{y}_{1,c-1}^t G, 0^t = \underline{y}_{o,c}^t G \quad (5.5a)$$



$$\underline{x}_k = [\underline{x}_{k-1,0}^t, \underline{x}_{k-2,1}^t, \dots, \underline{x}_{1,k-2}^t, \underline{x}_{0,k-1}^t]^t \quad (5.5a)$$

$$\underline{y}_k^t = [\underline{y}_{k-1,0}^t, \underline{y}_{k-2,1}^t, \dots, \underline{y}_{1,k-2}^t, \underline{y}_{0,k-1}^t] \quad (5.5b)$$

and the binary polynomial vectors defined from  $\underline{x}_k, \underline{y}_k^t$  by

$$\underline{x}(\underline{x}_k; s, \hat{s}) = [\underline{x}_{0,k-1}, \underline{x}_{1,k-2}, \dots, \underline{x}_{k-2,1}, \underline{x}_{k-1,0}] \underline{e}_{k-1}(s, \hat{s}) = \underline{x}_{k-1} \underline{e}_{k-1}(s, \hat{s}) \quad (5.6a)$$

$$\underline{y}^t(\underline{y}_k^t; s, \hat{s}) = \underline{e}_{k-1}^t(s, \hat{s}) \begin{bmatrix} \underline{y}_{0,k-1}^t \\ \underline{y}_{1,k-2}^t \\ \vdots \\ \underline{y}_{k-2,1}^t \\ \underline{y}_{k-1,0}^t \end{bmatrix} = \underline{e}_{k-1}^t(s, \hat{s}) \underline{y}_{k-1}^t \quad (5.6b)$$

will be referred to as the associated k-th right-, left-annihilating polynomial vectors generated by  $\underline{x}_k, \underline{y}_k^t$  correspondingly. The supporting subspaces  $X(\underline{x}_k), Y(\underline{y}_k^t)$  of the annihilating polynomial vectors  $\underline{x}(\underline{x}_k; s, \hat{s}), \underline{y}^t(\underline{y}_k^t; s, \hat{s})$  will be referred to as the associated k-th right-, left-annihilating spaces of  $\underline{x}_k, \underline{y}_k^t$  respectively.

There is an obvious duality between the results concerning the structure of right and left Toeplitz matrices of  $(F, G)$ ; the basis of this duality is the fact that  $\tilde{T}_k(F, G)^t = T_k(F, G)$ . Thus, results concerning  $T_k(F, G)$  may be translated into corresponding results for  $\tilde{T}_k(F, G)$  and vice-versa. In the following, the case of right Toeplitz matrices will be considered and the interpretation of the results to left Toeplitz matrices is rather obvious. A useful property of annihilating vectors, which readily follows from Proposition (5.1) is stated below.

Remark (5.1): Let  $\underline{x}_k$  be a k-th right annihilating vector of  $(F, G)$ . Every vector  $\underline{x}_r$  derived by a trivial expansion of  $\underline{x}_k$  as  $\underline{x}_r = [\underline{0}^t; \dots; \underline{0}^t; \underline{x}_k^t; \underline{0}^t; \dots; \underline{0}^t] \in \mathbb{R}^{rn}$ , where  $\underline{0}$  is an n-dimensional zero vector, is an r-th right annihilating vector of  $(F, G)$ .



The Toeplitz matrices of  $(F, G)$  have been used by Gantmacher [Gan. -1] for the definition of c.m.i. and r.m.i. of a pencil. The procedure suggested in [Gan. -1] for determining the c.m.i. involves the following steps: Find the smallest integer  $\epsilon$  for which  $N_r^\epsilon \neq \{0\}$ ; then  $\epsilon$  is the value of the smallest c.m.i. By strict equivalence transformation reduce  $sF - \hat{s}G$  to the pencil

$$sF' - \hat{s}G' = \begin{bmatrix} L_\epsilon(s, \hat{s}) & 0 \\ 0 & s\tilde{F} - \hat{s}\tilde{G} \end{bmatrix} \quad (5.8)$$

where  $L_\epsilon(s, \hat{s})$  is a standard c.m.i. block associated with  $\epsilon$ . The pencil  $s\tilde{F} - \hat{s}\tilde{G}$  is considered next and the procedure is repeated. The main objective here is to study the structure of the Toeplitz matrices and find the set of c.m.i. without having to resort to the use of strict equivalence transformations implied in the above procedure. The dominant idea in the present study is that the set of  $N_r^k$  spaces contains all the information needed to find the set of c.m.i. Our first step in our study of the right characteristic spaces is the determination of their dimension. The following standard result will be used.

Lemma (5.1) [Gan. -1]: Let  $sF - \hat{s}G \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}[s, \hat{s}]$ ,  $\rho = \text{rank}_{\mathbb{R}(s, \hat{s})}\{sF - \hat{s}G\}$ . There exists a pair  $(R, Q)$  of strict equivalence transformations such that  $sF - \hat{s}G \xrightarrow{(R, Q)} R(sF - \hat{s}G)Q = sF' - \hat{s}G'$ , where

$$sF' - \hat{s}G' = \begin{bmatrix} sF_c - \hat{s}G_c & & \bigcirc \\ \hline & sF_r - \hat{s}G_r & \bigcirc \\ \hline \bigcirc & & sA - \hat{s}B \end{bmatrix} \quad (5.9)$$

$sA - \hat{s}B$  is regular,  $sF_c - \hat{s}G_c$  is characterised by c.m.i. and  $sF_r - \hat{s}G_r$  is characterised by r.m.i. only. □

The pencils  $sA - \hat{s}B, sF_c - \hat{s}G_c, sF_r - \hat{s}G_r$ , defined for a general singular pencil  $sF - \hat{s}G$ , will be referred to as a regular-, right-, left-restrictions correspondingly of  $sF - \hat{s}G$ . A singular pencil characterised only by r.m.i.



will be called entirely left singular; if it is characterised only by c.m.i., then it will be called entirely right singular. The restrictions  $sA-\hat{s}B, sF_c-\hat{s}G_c, sF_r-\hat{s}G_r$  of a pencil  $sF-\hat{s}G$  are not uniquely defined; the following property, however, is readily verified.

Remark (5.2): If  $\{sA-\hat{s}B, sF_c-\hat{s}G_c, sF_r-\hat{s}G_r\}, \{sA'-\hat{s}B', sF'_c-\hat{s}G'_c, sF'_r-\hat{s}G'_r\}$  are two triples of a regular-, right-, left-strict restrictions of  $sF-\hat{s}G$ , then  $(sA-\hat{s}B)E_s(sA'-\hat{s}B'), (sF_c-\hat{s}G_c)E_s(sF'_c-\hat{s}G'_c), (sF_r-\hat{s}G_r)E_s(sF'_r-\hat{s}G'_r)$ .

For regular, entirely left singular, and entirely right singular pencils we have the following properties:

Proposition (5.2): Let  $sF-\hat{s}G$  be a pencil and let  $N_r^k(F,G), N_\ell^k(F,G)$  be the corresponding  $k$ -th right, left characteristic spaces of  $(F,G)$ . The following properties hold true:

- (i)  $sF-\hat{s}G$  is regular if and only if  $N_r^k(F,G)=\{0\}, N_\ell^k(F,G)=\{0\}$  for all  $k$ ,  $k=1,2,\dots$
- (ii) If  $sF-\hat{s}G$  is entirely left singular, then  $N_r^k(F,G)=\{0\}$  for all  $k$ ,  $k=1,2,\dots$
- (iii) If  $sF-\hat{s}G$  is entirely right singular, then  $N_\ell^k(F,G)=\{0\}$  for all  $k$ ,  $k=1,2$ .

#### Proof

(i) If  $sF-\hat{s}G$  is regular, then  $N_r\{sF-\hat{s}G\}=\{0\}, N_\ell\{sF-\hat{s}G\}=\{0\}$  and thus there is no nonzero vectors  $\underline{x}(s,\hat{s}) \in N_r\{sF-\hat{s}G\}, \underline{y}^t(s,\hat{s}) \in N_\ell\{sF-\hat{s}G\}$ ; these two conditions imply that the only solutions of equations

$$T_k(F,G)\underline{x}_k = 0, \quad \tilde{T}_k^t(F,G) = 0 \quad \text{for all } k=1,2,\dots \quad (5.10)$$

are  $\underline{x}_k=0, \underline{y}_k=0$ . Conversely, if (5.10) hold true for all  $k$ , then the only vectors  $\underline{x}(s,\hat{s}), \underline{y}^t(s,\hat{s})$  which may be found such that (5.1) and (5.2) are satisfied, are the zero vectors. This clearly implies that  $sF-\hat{s}G$  is regular.

(ii) Assume that  $N_r^k(F, G) \neq \{0\}$ . Then, there exists a  $k$ -th right annihilating vector  $\underline{x}_k$  and thus an annihilating polynomial vector  $\underline{x}(\underline{x}_k; s, \hat{s})$  such that  $(sF - \hat{s}G)\underline{x}(\underline{x}_k; s, \hat{s}) = 0$ . This condition implies that  $N_r\{sF - \hat{s}G\} \neq \{0\}$  and that  $sF - \hat{s}G$  is characterised also by c.m.i.; this contradicts the assumption that the pencil is entirely left singular. The proof of part (iii) is identical.  $\square$

The importance of entirely right (left) singular pencils in the study of right (left) characteristic spaces of a general pencil is demonstrated by the following result.

**Proposition (5.3):** Let  $sF - \hat{s}G \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}[s, \hat{s}]$  and let  $sF_c - \hat{s}G_c$  be a right restriction of  $sF - \hat{s}G$ . If  $N_r^k(F, G), N_r^k(F_c, G_c)$  are the  $k$ -th right characteristic spaces of  $(F, G), (F_c, G_c)$  correspondingly, then

$$\dim N_r^k(F, G) = \dim N_r^k(F_c, G_c) \quad \text{for } \forall k, k=1, 2, \dots$$

#### Proof

Let  $\underline{x}_k \in N_r^k(F, G), \underline{x}_k \neq 0$ , and let us partition  $\underline{x}_k$  according to the partitioning of  $T_k(F, G)$ , as  $\underline{x}_k = [\underline{x}_{1,k}^t, \dots, \underline{x}_{i,k}^t, \dots, \underline{x}_{k,k}^t]^t$ , where  $\underline{x}_{i,k} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\forall i \in \tilde{k}$ . Then  $T_k(F, G)\underline{x}_k = 0$  implies that

$$F\underline{x}_{1,k} = 0, G\underline{x}_{1,k} = F\underline{x}_{2,k}, \dots, G\underline{x}_{k-1,k} = F\underline{x}_{k,k}, G\underline{x}_{k,k} = 0 \quad (5.11)$$

Let  $(R, Q)$  be a pair of strict equivalence transformations which reduce  $sF - \hat{s}G$  to the decomposition (5.9). By writing  $\underline{x}_{i,k} = Q\underline{x}'_{i,k}, \forall i \in \tilde{k}$ , and premultiplying eqn(5.11) by  $R$  we obtain the equivalent conditions

$$F'\underline{x}'_{1,k} = 0, G'\underline{x}'_{1,k} = F'\underline{x}'_{2,k}, \dots, G'\underline{x}'_{k-1,k} = F'\underline{x}'_{k,k}, G'\underline{x}'_{k,k} = 0 \quad (5.12a)$$

since  $sF' - \hat{s}G' = \text{block diag}\{sF_c - \hat{s}G_c; sF_r - \hat{s}G_r; sA - \hat{s}B\}$ , we may partition every  $\underline{x}'_{i,k}, \forall k$ , according to the partitioning of  $sF' - \hat{s}G'$  as

$$\underline{x}'_{i,k} = [\underline{x}_{i,k}^c, \underline{x}_{i,k}^r, \underline{x}_{i,k}^w]^t \quad (5.12b)$$

By using the partitioning of  $\underline{x}_{i,k}^!$  as above, equations (5.12a) are reduced to the following equivalent set

$$F_c \underline{x}_{c-1,k}^c = 0, G_c \underline{x}_{c-1,k}^c = F_c \underline{x}_{c-2,k}^c, \dots, G_c \underline{x}_{c-k-1,k}^c = F_c \underline{x}_{c-k,k}^c, G_c \underline{x}_{c-k,k}^c = 0 \quad (5.13a)$$

$$F_r \underline{x}_{r-1,k}^r = 0, G_r \underline{x}_{r-1,k}^r = F_r \underline{x}_{r-2,k}^r, \dots, G_r \underline{x}_{r-k-1,k}^r = F_r \underline{x}_{r-k,k}^r, G_r \underline{x}_{r-k,k}^r = 0 \quad (5.13b)$$

$$A \underline{x}_{-1,k}^w = 0, B \underline{x}_{-1,k}^w = A \underline{x}_{-2,k}^w, \dots, B \underline{x}_{-k-1,k}^w = A \underline{x}_{-k,k}^w, B \underline{x}_{-k,k}^w = 0 \quad (5.13c)$$

The pencil  $sF_r - \hat{s}G_r$  is entirely left singular and  $sA - \hat{s}B$  is regular; thus, by Proposition (5.2) conditions (5.13b) and (5.13c) have as the only possible solution the zero vectors, i.e.  $\underline{x}_{i,k}^r = 0, \underline{x}_{i,k}^w = 0$  for  $\forall k, k=1,2,\dots$  and  $\forall i, i \in \underline{k}$ . We may thus write that  $\underline{x}_{i,k}^! = [\underline{x}_{i,k}^c \ t; 0^t; 0^t]^t$  and it is obvious that the number of independent vectors in  $N_r^k(F,G)$  is equal to the number of independent vectors in  $N_c^k(F_c, G_c)$ .  $\square$

This result demonstrates that the study of  $N_r^k(F,G)$  is reduced to a study of  $N_c^k(F_c, G_c)$ , where  $sF_c - \hat{s}G_c$  is a right restriction of  $sF - \hat{s}G$  and thus an entirely right singular pencil. An obvious Corollary of the above result is stated below.

Corollary (5.1): Let  $sF - \hat{s}G$  be an  $m \times n$  singular pencil and let  $sF_c - \hat{s}G_c$  be an  $r \times p$  right restriction of  $sF - \hat{s}G$ . If  $N_c^k$  is a basis matrix of  $N_c^k(F_c, G_c)$ , then there exists a  $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, |Q| \neq 0$  such that a basis matrix  $N^k$  for  $N_r^k(F,G)$  may be expressed in terms of  $N_c^k$  as

$$N^k = \text{diag}\{\underbrace{Q, \dots, Q}_k\} \begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X_{1,k} \\ \hline 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} X_{2,k} \\ \hline 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ \vdots \\ \begin{bmatrix} X_{k,k} \\ \hline 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \uparrow p \\ \downarrow n-p \\ \uparrow p \\ \downarrow n-p \\ \vdots \\ \uparrow p \\ \downarrow n-p \end{matrix}, \text{ where } N_c^k = \begin{bmatrix} X_{1,k} \\ \hline X_{2,k} \\ \hline \vdots \\ \hline X_{k,k} \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \uparrow p \\ \downarrow p \\ \uparrow p \\ \downarrow p \\ \vdots \\ \uparrow p \\ \downarrow p \end{matrix} \quad (5.14)$$

$\square$

In the following, attention is focussed on the study of properties of the right characteristic space of entirely right singular matrix pencils. The derived results form the basis for the study of the right characteristic spaces of a general pencil. Note that by duality, we may obtain similar results for the left characteristic spaces of entirely left singular pencils, which are essential for the study of left characteristic spaces of a general pencil.

### 5.3 The right characteristic spaces of entirely right singular pencils

Let  $sF - \hat{s}G \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}[s, \hat{s}]$  be an entirely right singular pencil and let  $I_c(F, G) = \{\epsilon_1 = \dots = \epsilon_g = 0 < \epsilon_{g+1} \leq \dots \leq \epsilon_p\}$  be the set of c.m.i. of  $sF - \hat{s}G$ . The set  $I_c(F, G)$  is a complete set of invariants for the strict equivalence class of  $sF - \hat{s}G$ ; this equivalence class has a canonical element, the Kronecker form, which is of the following type

$$sF_k - \hat{s}G_k = \left[ \bigcirc \middle| \text{block-diag}\{L_{\epsilon_{g+1}}(s, \hat{s}); \dots; L_{\epsilon_p}(s, \hat{s})\} \right] \quad (5.15a)$$

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where for  $\forall \epsilon > 0$ , the associated block  $L_\epsilon(s, \hat{s})$  has the following form

$$L_\epsilon(s, \hat{s}) = sL_\epsilon - \hat{s}\hat{L}_\epsilon, \text{ where } L_\epsilon = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} I_\epsilon & 0 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \epsilon \\ \downarrow \epsilon+1 \end{array}, \hat{L}_\epsilon = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} 0 & I_\epsilon \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \epsilon \\ \downarrow \epsilon+1 \end{array} \quad (5.15b)$$

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The canonical pencil  $L_\epsilon(s, \hat{s}) = sL_\epsilon - \hat{s}\hat{L}_\epsilon$  plays a key role in the study of the right characteristic space of a general pencil  $sF - \hat{s}G$ ; we start off by giving some preliminary results on the properties of  $N_r^k(L_\epsilon, \hat{L}_\epsilon)$ .

**Lemma (5.2):** Let  $L_\epsilon, \hat{L}_\epsilon \in \mathbb{R}^{\epsilon \times (\epsilon+1)}$  be the matrices defined by (5.15b).

The set of matrix equations

$$L_{\epsilon-1}x_1 = 0, \hat{L}_{\epsilon-1}x_1 = L_{\epsilon-1}x_2, \dots, \hat{L}_{\epsilon-k-1}x_{k-1} = L_{\epsilon-k-1}x_k \quad (5.16)$$

where  $x_i \in \mathbb{R}^{\epsilon+1}$ ,  $i \in \mathbb{N}_k$ , has always a solution. The general family of solutions is given by:



- (i) If  $k < \varepsilon + 1$ , then  $\underline{x}_i = [0, \dots, 0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_i]^t$ ,  $\forall i \in \underline{k}$  and  $a_i \in \mathbb{R}$  arbitrary.
- (ii) If  $k \geq \varepsilon + 1$ , then  $\underline{x}_i = [0, \dots, 0, a_1, \dots, a_i]^t$  for  $\forall i \in \underline{\varepsilon}$ ; for  $i = \varepsilon + 1, \dots, k$ ,  
 $\underline{x}_i = [a_{i-\varepsilon}, a_{i-\varepsilon+1}, \dots, a_i]^t$  with  $a_j \in \mathbb{R}$  arbitrary.  $\square$

The proof of this Lemma follows by inspection of the canonical structure of the  $L_\varepsilon, \hat{L}_\varepsilon$  matrices. Using this Lemma we have:

Proposition (5.4): Let  $N_r^k(L_\varepsilon, \hat{L}_\varepsilon)$  be the right characteristic space of the canonical pencil  $sL_\varepsilon - \hat{s}L_\varepsilon$ .  $N_r^k(L_\varepsilon, \hat{L}_\varepsilon) \neq \{0\}$  if and only if  $k \geq \varepsilon + 1$ ; furthermore, if  $k \geq \varepsilon + 1$ , then  $\theta_k = \dim N_r^k(L_\varepsilon, \hat{L}_\varepsilon) = k - \varepsilon$ .

Proof

Let  $\tilde{\underline{x}}_k = [\underline{x}_1^t, \underline{x}_2^t, \dots, \underline{x}_k^t]^t \in N_r^k(L_\varepsilon, \hat{L}_\varepsilon)$ , where  $\underline{x}_i \in \mathbb{R}^{\varepsilon+1}$ , then the vectors  $\underline{x}_i$  must satisfy the conditions

$$L_{\varepsilon-1} \underline{x}_1 = 0, \hat{L}_{\varepsilon-1} \underline{x}_1 = L_\varepsilon \underline{x}_2, \dots, \hat{L}_{\varepsilon-k+1} \underline{x}_{k-1} = L_{\varepsilon-k} \underline{x}_k, \hat{L}_{\varepsilon-k} \underline{x}_k = 0 \quad (5.17)$$

If  $k < \varepsilon + 1$ , then by Lemma (5.2) the general solution of the first  $k$  equations of (5.17) is given by  $\underline{x}_i = [0, \dots, 0, a_1, \dots, a_i]^t$ ,  $\forall i \in \underline{k}$  and thus  $\hat{L}_{\varepsilon-k} \underline{x}_k = 0$  implies that  $a_1 = a_2 = \dots = a_k = 0$ . This shows that  $N_r^k(L_\varepsilon, \hat{L}_\varepsilon) = \{0\}$  for all  $k$  such that  $k < \varepsilon + 1$ . Furthermore, since  $N_r^k(L_\varepsilon, \hat{L}_\varepsilon) = \{0\}$  it follows that if  $k < \varepsilon + 1$ , then the matrix  $T_k(L_\varepsilon, \hat{L}_\varepsilon)$  has full rank.

If  $k \geq \varepsilon + 1$ , then by Lemma (5.2), the general solution of the first  $k$  equations of (5.17) are given by

$$\underline{x}_i = [0, \dots, 0, a_1, \dots, a_i]^t \text{ if } i \in \underline{\varepsilon}, \underline{x}_i = [a_{i-\varepsilon}, a_{i-\varepsilon+1}, \dots, a_i]^t, \text{ for } i = \varepsilon + 1, \dots, k$$

The last condition  $\hat{L}_{\varepsilon-k} \underline{x}_k = 0$ , then implies that  $a_{k-\varepsilon+1} = a_{k-\varepsilon+2} = \dots = a_k = 0$  and that the first  $k - \varepsilon$  parameters  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{k-\varepsilon}$  are arbitrary. The general expression for the vector  $\tilde{\underline{x}}_k$  is thus obtained and by inspection it follows that there are  $k - \varepsilon$  independent vectors in  $N_r^k(L_\varepsilon, \hat{L}_\varepsilon)$ ; thus  $\dim N_r^k(L_\varepsilon, \hat{L}_\varepsilon) = k - \varepsilon$ . If  $k \geq \varepsilon + 1$ , then  $T_k(L_\varepsilon, \hat{L}_\varepsilon)$  has a right null space; the minimum dimension of this null space is  $d_{\min} = k(\varepsilon + 1) - (k + 1)\varepsilon = k - \varepsilon = \dim N_r^k(L_\varepsilon, \hat{L}_\varepsilon)$ ; this shows that





generated by the  $k$ -th right annihilating vectors,  $N_{k,\epsilon} \triangleq \{\tilde{x}_k : \tilde{x}_k = [x_1^t, \dots, x_k^t]^t\}$  has dimension  $k-\epsilon$ .

We may now state the main result of this section.

**Theorem (5.1):** Let  $sF-\hat{s}G \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}[s, \hat{s}]$  be an entirely right singular pencil and let  $I_c(F, G) = \{\epsilon_1 = \dots = \epsilon_g = 0 < \epsilon_{g+1} \leq \dots \leq \epsilon_p\}$  be the set of c.m.i. If  $N_r^k(F, G)$  is the  $k$ -th right characteristic space of  $sF-\hat{s}G$  then the following properties hold true:

- (i)  $N_r^k(F, G) = \{0\}$  if and only if  $k < \min\{\epsilon_j + 1, j \in p\}$ .
- (ii) If  $k \geq \min\{\epsilon_j + 1, j \in p\}$ , then  $N_r^k(F, G) \neq \{0\}$ . In this case the dimension  $\theta_k$  of  $N_r^k(F, G)$  is given by

$$\theta_k = \sum_{j=1}^p \theta_k(\epsilon_j) \quad (5.19)$$

where  $\theta_k(\epsilon_j) = 0$  if  $k < \epsilon_j + 1$  and  $\theta_k(\epsilon_j) = k - \epsilon_j$  if  $k \geq \epsilon_j + 1$ .

#### Proof

(i) Let  $(R, Q)$  be a pair of strict equivalence transformations which reduce  $sF-\hat{s}G$  to the Kronecker form (5.15a), i.e.  $sF-\hat{s}G \xrightarrow{(R, Q)} R(sF-\hat{s}G)Q = sF_k - \hat{s}G_k$ . If  $\tilde{x}_k = [x_1^t, x_2^t, \dots, x_k^t]^t \in N_r^k(F, G)$ ,  $x_i \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , then the vectors  $x_i$  must satisfy the conditions

$$F x_1 = 0, G x_1 = F x_2, \dots, G x_{k-1} = F x_k, G x_k = 0 \quad (5.20a)$$

By writing  $x_i = Q x'_i$ ,  $\forall i \in k$  and premultiplying (5.20a) by  $R$  we have

$$F_k x'_1 = 0, G_k x'_1 = F_k x'_2, \dots, G_k x'_{k-1} = F_k x'_k, G_k x'_k = 0 \quad (5.20b)$$

The vectors  $x'_i$  may be partitioned according to the partitioning of  $sF_k - \hat{s}G_k$  as

$$x'_i = [x_{\epsilon_0}^{it}, x_{\epsilon_{g+1}}^{it}, \dots, x_{\epsilon_p}^{it}]^t \quad (5.20c)$$

where  $x_{\epsilon_0}^{it} \in \mathbb{R}^g$  and corresponds to the  $m \times g$  zero block of the Kronecker form

and  $\underline{x}_{\varepsilon_j}^{it} \in \mathbb{R}^{\varepsilon_j+1}$ ,  $j=g+1, \dots, p$ . By (5.20c) and the special structure of  $sF_k - \hat{s}G_k$ , conditions (5.20b) imply that the vectors  $\underline{x}_{\varepsilon_0}^i$ ,  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  are arbitrary and that for every  $\varepsilon_j$ ,  $j=g+1, \dots, p$  we have the following set of conditions

$$L_{\varepsilon_j} \underline{x}_{\varepsilon_j}^1 = 0, \hat{L}_{\varepsilon_j} \underline{x}_{\varepsilon_j}^1 = L_{\varepsilon_j} \underline{x}_{\varepsilon_j}^2, \dots, \hat{L}_{\varepsilon_j} \underline{x}_{\varepsilon_j}^{k-1} = L_{\varepsilon_j} \underline{x}_{\varepsilon_j}^k, \hat{L}_{\varepsilon_j} \underline{x}_{\varepsilon_j}^k = 0, j=g+1, \dots, p \quad (5.20d)$$

By Proposition (5.4), we have that if  $\varepsilon_j > 0$ , then  $N_r^k(L_{\varepsilon_j}, \hat{L}_{\varepsilon_j}) = \{0\}$ , if  $k < \varepsilon_j + 1$  and  $\dim N_r^k(L_{\varepsilon_j}, \hat{L}_{\varepsilon_j}) = k - \varepsilon_j$ , if  $k \geq \varepsilon_j + 1$ . If  $sF - \hat{s}G$  has no zero c.m.i. then for all  $k < \min\{\varepsilon_j + 1, j=g+1, \dots, p\}$ ,  $N_r^k(L_{\varepsilon_j}, \hat{L}_{\varepsilon_j}) = \{0\}$  and thus  $N_r^k(F, G) = \{0\}$ ; this condition may readily be extended to  $k < \min\{\varepsilon_j + 1, j \in \mathbb{N}\}$  to cover the case of zero c.m.i. In fact, if a zero c.m.i. exists, then there is no  $k$  for which  $N_r^k(F, G) = \{0\}$ ; in the case there are no zero c.m.i. the condition is reduced to  $k < \min\{\varepsilon_j + 1, j=g+1, \dots, p\}$  and thus  $N_r^k(F, G) = \{0\}$ . This completes the proof of part (i).

(ii) The direct sum decomposition of  $\underline{x}_j^i$ , as in (5.20c) implies that if  $N_r^k(F, G)$  is nonzero, then its dimension may be found as a sum of the dimensions of the spaces generated by vectors of the type

$$\tilde{\underline{x}}_{\varepsilon_j} = [\underline{x}_{\varepsilon_j}^1, \underline{x}_{\varepsilon_j}^2, \dots, \underline{x}_{\varepsilon_j}^k]^t \quad (5.20e)$$

where  $j=0, g+1, \dots, p$ . If  $\varepsilon_v + 1 \leq k < \varepsilon_{v+1}$  and the pencil has zero c.m.i., then we have the following: with the  $g$  zero c.m.i. there exist  $kg$  arbitrary vectors  $\underline{x}_{\varepsilon_0}^i \in \mathbb{R}^g$  and thus the space generated by  $\tilde{\underline{x}}_{\varepsilon_0} = [\underline{x}_{\varepsilon_0}^1, \dots, \underline{x}_{\varepsilon_0}^k]^t$  has  $kg$  dimension (since there exist  $kg$  free parameters in  $\tilde{\underline{x}}_{\varepsilon_0}$ ). By Proposition (5.4) the dimension of the space generated by  $\tilde{\underline{x}}_{\varepsilon_j}$ , for  $\forall j: j=g+1, \dots, v$ , is  $k - \varepsilon_j$ ; by Proposition (5.4), the vectors  $\tilde{\underline{x}}_{\varepsilon_j} = 0$  for  $j: j=v+1, \dots, p$ . If the pencil has no zero c.m.i., then the dimensions of  $\tilde{\underline{x}}_{\varepsilon_j}$  for  $j=1, \dots, v$  only are taken into account. □

Corollary (5.3): Let  $sF - \hat{s}G \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}[s, \hat{s}]$  be an entirely right singular pencil and let  $I_c(F, G)$  be the set of c.m.i. Let  $\varepsilon_v + 1 \leq k < \varepsilon_{v+1} + 1$  and  $\underline{x}(s, \hat{s}) = X_{k-1} e_{k-1}(s, \hat{s})$  be a  $k$ -th right annihilating polynomial of  $sF - \hat{s}G$ . There

always exists a  $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $|Q| \neq 0$  such that the family of basis matrices  $X_{k-1}$  may be expressed as

$$X_{k-1} = Q \begin{bmatrix} D_{k,o,g} \\ \hline D_{k,\varepsilon_{g+1}} \\ \hline \vdots \\ \hline D_{k,\varepsilon_v} \\ \hline 0 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k} \quad (5.21)$$

where  $D_{k,\varepsilon_j}$  are the  $(k, \varepsilon_j)$ -Toeplitz matrices corresponding to the nonzero c.m.i.  $\varepsilon_j$  for  $j=g+1, \dots, v$  and  $D_{k,o,g} \in \mathbb{R}^{g \times k}$  is an arbitrary matrix associated with the  $g$  zero c.m.i.  $\square$

The proof of this result readily follows from the proof of Theorem (5.1). It is clear that the dimensions of the  $N_r^k(F, G)$  spaces of an entirely right singular pencil are functions of the set of c.m.i. only. In the following, attention is focussed on the problem of determining the set of c.m.i. from the dimensions  $\theta_k$  of the  $N_r^k(F, G)$  spaces. From now on, we shall adopt the following representation for the set of c.m.i. of  $sF - \hat{s}G$ :  $T_c(F, G) \triangleq \{(\varepsilon_i, \rho_i), i \in \mu: 0 \leq \varepsilon_1 < \dots < \varepsilon_\mu, \text{ where } \rho_i \text{ is the multiplicity of } \varepsilon_i\}$ ; clearly  $\{\varepsilon_i, i \in \mu\}$  denotes the set of distinct values of the c.m.i. of the general pencil  $sF - \hat{s}G$  and shall be referred to as the right singular set of  $sF - \hat{s}G$ . The results derived for the case of entirely right singular pencils are used next to the case of a general matrix pencil.

#### 5.4 (F, G)-Piecewise arithmetic progression sequences and the minimal indices of a general singular pencil

The study of the dimensions of the  $N_r^k(F, G)$  characteristic spaces of an entirely right singular pencil reveals that there exist strong similarities between the present study and that developed in Chapter (4) for the computation of the Segre characteristics of a regular pencil. These links will be further explored in this section and it will be shown that certain



piecewise arithmetic progression sequences may be used for the computation of minimal indices. The results developed in the last section for the dimensions of  $N_r^k(F, G)$  spaces of an entirely right singular pencil may be readily extended to the case of a general singular pencil; this is due to Proposition (5.3), which establishes that  $\dim N_r^k(F, G) = \dim N_r^k(F_c, G_c)$ , where  $sF_c - \hat{s}G_c$  is a right restriction of  $sF - \hat{s}G$ . Matrix pencils with a right restriction will be called right singular, and those with a left restriction, left singular; clearly a pencil may be both right and left singular.

Remark (5.6): A singular pencil  $sF - \hat{s}G \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}[s, \hat{s}]$  is right singular, if and only if there exists a  $k$ ,  $k=1, 2, \dots$  for which  $N_r^k(F, G) \neq \{0\}$ . Similarly, the pencil is left singular, if and only if there exists a  $k$ ,  $k=1, 2, \dots$  for which  $N_l^k(F, G) \neq \{0\}$ .

In the following, the case of right singular pencils will be considered; the results then may be interpreted to the case of left singular pencils by "transposed duality". A result characterising right (left) singularity of a pencil is considered first.

Proposition (5.5): Let  $sF - \hat{s}G \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}[s, \hat{s}]$  be a singular pencil. Then,

- (i)  $sF - \hat{s}G$  is right singular if and only if for some  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, \tilde{\sigma}\}$  where  $\tilde{\sigma} = m+1$ , if  $m < n$  and  $\tilde{\sigma} = n$  if  $m \geq n$   $N_r^k(F, G) \neq \{0\}$ .
- (ii)  $sF - \hat{s}G$  is left singular if and only if for some  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, \tilde{\rho}\}$  where  $\tilde{\rho} = m$ , if  $m \leq n$  and  $\tilde{\rho} = n+1$  if  $m > n$ ,  $N_r^k(F, G) \neq \{0\}$ .

□

The proof of this result is readily established by Remark (5.6) and by the maximal possible dimension of a c.m.i. (r.m.i.) block of a singular pencil. For right singular pencils Theorem (5.1) and Proposition (5.3) yield the following result.

Theorem (5.2): Let  $sF - \hat{s}G \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}[s, \hat{s}]$  be a right singular pencil and let  $I_c(F, G) = \{(\varepsilon_i, \rho_i), i \in \mathbb{N}: 0 \leq \varepsilon_1 < \dots < \varepsilon_\mu\}$  be the set of c.m.i. If  $N_r^k(F, G)$  is the



$k$ -th characteristic space of  $sF-\hat{s}G$ , then we have:

- (i)  $N_r^1(F, G) \neq \{0\}$ , if and only if  $\varepsilon_1 = 0$ ; then  $\theta_1 = \dim N_r^1(F, G) = \rho_1$ .
- (ii)  $N_r^k(F, G) = \{0\}$ , and thus  $\theta_k = \dim N_r^k(F, G) = 0$ , if and only if  $k < \varepsilon_1 + 1 = \min\{\varepsilon_i + 1, i \in \mu\}$ .
- (iii)  $N_r^k(F, G) \neq \{0\}$  if and only if  $k \geq \min\{\varepsilon_i + 1, i \in \mu\}$ . Then  $\theta_k = \dim N_r^k(F, G)$  is defined by:

$$(a) \quad \theta_k = \sum_{i=1}^j \rho_i (k - \varepsilon_i) \quad \text{if } \varepsilon_j + 1 \leq k < \varepsilon_{j+1} + 1 \quad (5.22a)$$

$$(b) \quad \theta_k = \sum_{i=1}^{\mu} \rho_i (k - \varepsilon_i) \quad \text{if } k \geq \max\{\varepsilon_i + 1, i \in \mu\} = \varepsilon_{\mu} + 1 \quad (5.22b)$$

□

Theorem (5.2) may be used to provide a characterisation of the c.m.i. of a right singular pencil as it is shown next. In the following we shall denote by  $\theta_k$  the dimension of  $N_r^k(F, G)$ .

Corollary (5.4): Let  $I_c(F, G) = \{(\varepsilon_i, \rho_i), i \in \mu, 0 \leq \varepsilon_1 < \dots < \varepsilon_{\mu}\}$  be the c.m.i. set of  $sF-\hat{s}G$ . The following properties hold true:

- (i)  $\theta_k - \theta_{k-1} = \sum_{j=1}^t \rho_j$ , if  $\varepsilon_t + 1 \leq k < \varepsilon_{t+1} + 1$
- (ii)  $\theta_k - \theta_{k-1} = \sum_{j=1}^{\mu} \rho_j$ , if  $\varepsilon_{\mu} + 1 \leq k$
- (iii)  $\theta_k - \theta_{k-1} = 0$ , if  $k < \varepsilon_1 + 1$ , where  $\theta_0 = 0$ .

#### Proof

The result is proved by distinguishing the following cases:

- (α)  $\varepsilon_t + 1 \leq k-1 < k < \varepsilon_{t+1} + 1$ , (β)  $\varepsilon_t + 1 \leq k-1 < k = \varepsilon_{t+1} + 1$
- (γ)  $\varepsilon_{\mu} + 1 \leq k-1 < k$ , (δ)  $k-1 < \varepsilon_1 + 1 = k$ , (ε)  $k-1 < k < \varepsilon_1 + 1$

Thus, we have:

$$(α) \quad \theta_k - \theta_{k-1} = \sum_{j=1}^t \rho_j (k - \varepsilon_j) - \sum_{j=1}^t \rho_j (k-1 - \varepsilon_j) = \sum_{j=1}^t \rho_j$$

$$(β) \quad \theta_k - \theta_{k-1} = \sum_{j=1}^{t+1} \rho_j (k - \varepsilon_j) - \sum_{j=1}^t \rho_j (k-1 - \varepsilon_j) = \rho_{t+1} (\varepsilon_{t+1} + 1 - \varepsilon_{t+1}) + \sum_{j=1}^t \rho_j = \sum_{j=1}^{t+1} \rho_j$$

$$(γ) \quad \theta_k - \theta_{k-1} = \sum_{j=1}^{\mu} \rho_j (k - \varepsilon_j) - \sum_{j=1}^{\mu} \rho_j (k-1 - \varepsilon_j) = \sum_{j=1}^{\mu} \rho_j$$

$$(\delta) \quad \theta_k - \theta_{k-1} = \rho_1 (k - \varepsilon_1) - 0 = \rho_1 (\varepsilon_1 + 1 - \varepsilon_1) = \rho_1$$

$$(\varepsilon) \quad \theta_k = 0, \theta_{k-1} = 0 \text{ and thus } \theta_k - \theta_{k-1} = 0$$

□

Corollary (5.4) is similar in nature with Corollary (4.4) and thus it provides the basis for the computation of  $I_c(F, G)$  from the numbers  $\theta_k$ . We first note that  $\sum_{j=1}^{\mu} \rho_j = \rho = \dim N_r\{sF - \hat{s}G\}$ ; for all  $k \geq \varepsilon_{\mu} + 1$ ,  $\theta_k - \theta_{k-1} = \rho$  and thus the smallest integer  $k = \varepsilon_{\mu} + 1$  for which  $\theta_k - \theta_{k-1} = \rho$  may be defined by the rank tests and shall be referred to as the right index of  $(F, G)$ . From the above results, we may deduce the following information about the right singular pencil.

Remark (5.7): The differences  $\theta_k - \theta_{k-1}$  are non-decreasing and the following properties hold true:

- (i) There is an integer  $\tau$  such that for  $\forall k \geq \tau$ ,  $\theta_k - \theta_{k-1} = \rho$ . The integer  $\rho = \dim N_r\{sF - \hat{s}G\}$  and the smallest integer  $\tau$  for which  $\theta_k - \theta_{k-1} = \rho$  is  $\tau = \varepsilon_{\mu} + 1$ , the right index of  $(F, G)$ .
- (ii) The smallest index  $\tau'$  for which  $\theta_{\tau'} - \theta_{\tau'-1} \neq 0$  ( $\theta_0 = 0$ ) is  $\tau' = \varepsilon_1 + 1$ , where  $\theta_{\tau'} - \theta_{\tau'-1} = \rho_1$  is the multiplicity of smallest c.m.i.  $\varepsilon_1$ .
- (iii) The difference  $\theta_k - \theta_{k-1}$  defines the total number of c.m.i. with value less or equal to  $k-1$ .

The sequence  $C_r = \{\theta_k : k = -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ , where  $\theta_{-1} = \theta_0 = 0$ ,  $\theta_k = \dim N_r^k(F, G)$ ,  $k \geq 1$  is defined as the right-(F, G) sequence of  $sF - \hat{s}G$ . The properties of this sequence are defined by the following result.

Corollary (5.5): For every  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , the sequence  $C_r$  is characterised by the property

$$\theta_k \leq \frac{\theta_{k+1} + \theta_{k-1}}{2}, \quad \theta_{-1} = \theta_0 = 0 \quad (5.23)$$

In particular, we have that:

- (i) Strict inequality holds, if and only if  $k = \varepsilon$ , where  $\varepsilon$  is a c.m.i.
- (ii) Equality holds, if and only if  $k$  is not the value of a c.m.i.

Proof

The proof of this result follows by using Corollary (5.4) and by considering all possible cases which may occur. Thus we have:

- (1)  $\varepsilon_1=0: \theta_0-\theta_{-1}=0<\theta_1-\theta_0=\rho_1.$
- (2)  $\varepsilon_t+1\leq k-1<k<k+1<\varepsilon_{t+1}+1: \theta_{k+1}-\theta_k=\sum_{j=1}^t \rho_j=\theta_k-\theta_{k-1}.$
- (3)  $\varepsilon_t+1\leq k-1<k<k+1=\varepsilon_{t+1}+1: \theta_{k+1}-\theta_k=\sum_{j=1}^{t+1} \rho_j>\sum_{j=1}^t \rho_j=\theta_k-\theta_{k-1}.$
- (4)  $\varepsilon_{t-1}+1\leq k-1<k=\varepsilon_t+1<k+1<\varepsilon_{t+1}+1: \theta_{k+1}-\theta_k=\sum_{j=1}^t \rho_j=\theta_k-\theta_{k-1}.$
- (5)  $\varepsilon_{t-1}+1\leq k-1<k=\varepsilon_t+1<k+1=\varepsilon_{t+1}+1: \theta_{k+1}-\theta_k=\sum_{j=1}^{t+1} \rho_j>\sum_{j=1}^t \rho_j=\theta_k-\theta_{k-1}.$
- (6)  $\varepsilon_\mu+1\leq k-1<k<k+1: \theta_{k+1}-\theta_k=\sum_{j=1}^\mu \mu_j=\theta_k-\theta_{k-1}.$
- (7)  $\varepsilon_{\mu-1}+1\leq k-1<k=\varepsilon_\mu+1<k+1: \theta_{k+1}-\theta_k=\sum_{j=1}^\mu \rho_j=\theta_k-\theta_{k-1}.$
- (8)  $k-1<k<k+1<\varepsilon_1+1: \theta_{k+1}-\theta_k=0=\theta_k-\theta_{k-1}.$
- (9)  $k-1<k<k+1=\varepsilon_1+1: \theta_{k+1}-\theta_k=\rho_1>0=\theta_k-\theta_{k-1}.$
- (10)  $k-1<\varepsilon_1+1=k<k+1<\varepsilon_2+1: \theta_{k+1}-\theta_k=\rho_1=\theta_k-\theta_{k-1}.$
- (11)  $k-1<\varepsilon_1+1=k<k+1=\varepsilon_2+1: \theta_{k+1}-\theta_k=\rho_1+\rho_2>\rho_1=\theta_k-\theta_{k-1}.$

From the above cases, it is clear that  $\theta_{k+1}-\theta_k>\theta_k-\theta_{k-1}$  if and only if  $k=\varepsilon$ , where  $\varepsilon$  is a c.m.i. and that  $\theta_{k+1}-\theta_k=\theta_k-\theta_{k-1}$  if and only if  $k$  is not a c.m.i.

□

Given that  $\theta_k-\theta_{k-1}\geq 0$  for all  $k=0,1,2,\dots$ , the sequence  $C_r$  is non-decreasing. For all integers  $k$  which are not values of c.m.i., the elements  $\theta_k$  satisfy the arithmetic progression relationship

$$\theta_k=(\theta_{k+1}+\theta_{k-1})/2. \text{ For those values of } k \text{ which coincide with a c.m.i.}$$

the arithmetic progression relationship is violated since then

$$\theta_k<(\theta_{k+1}+\theta_{k-1})/2. \text{ The sequence } C_r \text{ is thus partitioned by the values of}$$

the c.m.i., i.e. the integers  $0\leq\varepsilon_1<\varepsilon_2<\dots<\varepsilon_\mu$ . For all  $k$  in the range

of values  $(\epsilon_j, \dots, \epsilon_{j+1})$ , starting from  $k=\epsilon_j+1$  and ending with  $k=\epsilon_{j+1}-1$ , the relationship  $\theta_k = (\theta_{k+1} + \theta_{k-1})/2$  holds true; this relationship, however, cannot be continued in the range of values  $(\dots, \epsilon_j-1, \epsilon_j)$ , or  $(\epsilon_{j+1}, \epsilon_{j+1}+1, \dots)$ , since for  $k=\epsilon_j$ ,  $\theta_{\epsilon_j} < (\theta_{\epsilon_j-1} + \theta_{\epsilon_j+1})/2$  and for  $k=\epsilon_{j+1}$ ,  $\theta_{\epsilon_{j+1}} < (\theta_{\epsilon_{j+1}-1} + \theta_{\epsilon_{j+1}+1})/2$ . The sequence  $C_r$  therefore satisfies the arithmetic progression property in the range of values  $(\epsilon_j, \dots, \epsilon_{j+1})$  of  $k$ , but violates the arithmetic progression property at the boundary values  $\epsilon_j, \epsilon_{j+1}$ . The number  $\delta_{\epsilon_j} = (\theta_{\epsilon_j+1} - \theta_{\epsilon_j}) - (\theta_{\epsilon_j} - \theta_{\epsilon_j-1}) = \theta_{\epsilon_j+1} + \theta_{\epsilon_j-1} - 2\theta_{\epsilon_j}$  is a measure of deviation from the arithmetic progression type property at  $k=\epsilon_j$ ; the value  $k=\epsilon_j$  will be called a singular point of  $C_r$  and the number  $\delta_{\epsilon_j}$  will be called the gap of the sequence at  $k=\epsilon_j$ . The sequence  $C_r$  will be referred to as the right Piecewise Arithmetic Progression sequence (RPAPS) of  $(F, G)$  and it is clearly of similar nature to the PAPS of  $(F, G)$  at  $s=\alpha$  defined on a regular pencil in Chapter (4). We may now state the following result relating the properties of  $C_r$  to the set  $I_c(F, G)$  of the right singular pencil  $sF - \hat{s}G$ .

Proposition (5.6): Let  $C_r$  be the RPAPS of  $(F, G)$ . Then,

- (i) An index  $k=\epsilon$  is a singular point of the sequence  $C_r$ , if and only if  $\epsilon$  is the value of a c.m.i. of  $sF - \hat{s}G$ . Then,  $\theta_{\epsilon} < (\theta_{\epsilon+1} + \theta_{\epsilon-1})/2$ .
- (ii) If  $k=\epsilon$  is a singular point, then the gap  $\delta_{\epsilon} = \theta_{\epsilon+1} + \theta_{\epsilon-1} - 2\theta_{\epsilon}$  is equal to the multiplicity  $\rho$  of the c.m.i. with value  $\epsilon$ .

#### Proof

Part (i) follows immediately by Corollary (5.5). If  $k=\epsilon_t$  is the value of a c.m.i., then  $\theta_{k+1} - \theta_k = \sum_{j=1}^t \rho_j$  and  $\theta_k - \theta_{k-1} = \sum_{j=1}^{t-1} \rho_j$  (by Corollary (5.4)); thus  $\delta_k = \sum_{j=1}^t \rho_j - \sum_{j=1}^{t-1} \rho_j = \rho_t$ . □

By finding the singular points of  $C_r$  and the corresponding gaps, the set of c.m.i.  $I_c(F, G)$  is thus defined. The analysis presented so far leads to the following procedure for the determination of  $I_c(F, G)$ .



Piecewise Arithmetic Progression sequence diagram (PAPSD): Compute the numbers  $\theta_{-1}, \theta_0, \theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_{\tilde{\sigma}+1}$ , where  $\theta_{-1} = \theta_0 = 0$ , and  $\tilde{\sigma} = m+1$ , if  $m < n$  and  $\tilde{\sigma} = n$ , if  $m \geq n$ . Compute then the gaps of RPAPS  $C_r$ , i.e.

$$\delta_k = \theta_{k+1} + \theta_{k-1} - 2\theta_k, \quad k=0, 1, 2, \dots, \tilde{\sigma}$$

and form a table of the following type: For every index  $k$  there is a value  $\delta_k \geq 0$ . If  $\delta_k = 0$ , a dot is placed below  $\delta_k$  and if  $\delta_k > 0$ , then we create a column with asterisks below  $\delta_k$ , with the number of asterisks being equal to the value of  $\delta_k$ . This procedure is illustrated by the following diagram:

index:  $0, 1, 2, \dots, k-1, k, k+1, \dots, \tilde{\sigma}, \tilde{\sigma}+1$

gap:  $\delta_0, \delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_{k-1}, \delta_k, \delta_{k+1}, \dots, \delta_{\tilde{\sigma}}, \delta_{\tilde{\sigma}+1}$

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Figure (5.1)

The indices characterised by dots do not correspond to values of c.m.i., whereas those characterised by asterisks define values of c.m.i. The number of asterisks in a column gives the multiplicity of the c.m.i., whose value is the corresponding index. Thus, for instance, in the above diagram we have c.m.i. with values, 0, 2, k.

□

The above procedure will be illustrated later on by an example. An alternative procedure for the computation of  $I_c(F, G)$  is discussed next. This technique is similar to that presented for the computation of the Segre characteristic at  $s=\alpha$  of a regular pencil and which has been based on the notion of Weyr characteristic and Ferrer's type diagram. For the sequence  $C_r$  we first define the following induced sequence:

$$W_r = \{\gamma_k: \gamma_k = \theta_k - \theta_{k-1}, k=0, 1, 2, \dots\} \quad (5.24)$$



The sequence  $\omega_r$  will be referred to as the right Weyr sequence of  $(F,G)$  and its properties are characterised by the following result.

Proposition (5.7): Let  $\omega_r$  be the right Weyr sequence of  $(F,G)$ .

Then,

- (i)  $\gamma_k \leq \gamma_{k+1}$  for all  $k=0,1,2,\dots$ . There always exists an integer  $\tau$ ,  $\tau \leq \tilde{\sigma}$  ( $\tilde{\sigma}=m+1$ , if  $m < n$ , and  $\tilde{\sigma}=n$ , if  $m \geq n$ ), such that for  $\forall k \geq \tau$ ,  $\gamma_k = \gamma_{k+1}$ .
- (ii) The strict inequality  $\gamma_k < \gamma_{k+1}$  holds true, if and only if  $k=\epsilon$ , where  $\epsilon$  is the value of a c.m.i. The multiplicity  $\rho$  of  $\epsilon$  is then defined by  $\rho = \gamma_{k+1} - \gamma_k$ .

□

This result is an alternative statement of the results established by Corollary (5.5) and Proposition (5.6). Proposition (5.7) suggests the following alternative procedure for the computation of  $I_c(F,G)$ .

Weyr sequence diagram (WSD): Let  $\tilde{\sigma}$  be the integer defined by  $\tilde{\sigma}=m+1$ , if  $m < n$ , and  $\tilde{\sigma}=n$ , if  $m \geq n$ . For every  $\gamma_k \in \omega_r$ ,  $k=0,1,2,\dots,\tilde{\sigma}$  we create a row in the following way: If  $\gamma_k=0$ , the row is filled in with dots and if  $\gamma_k > 0$ , the row is filled with  $\gamma_k$  asterisks. The table created is parametrised by  $k$  and has the following general shape:

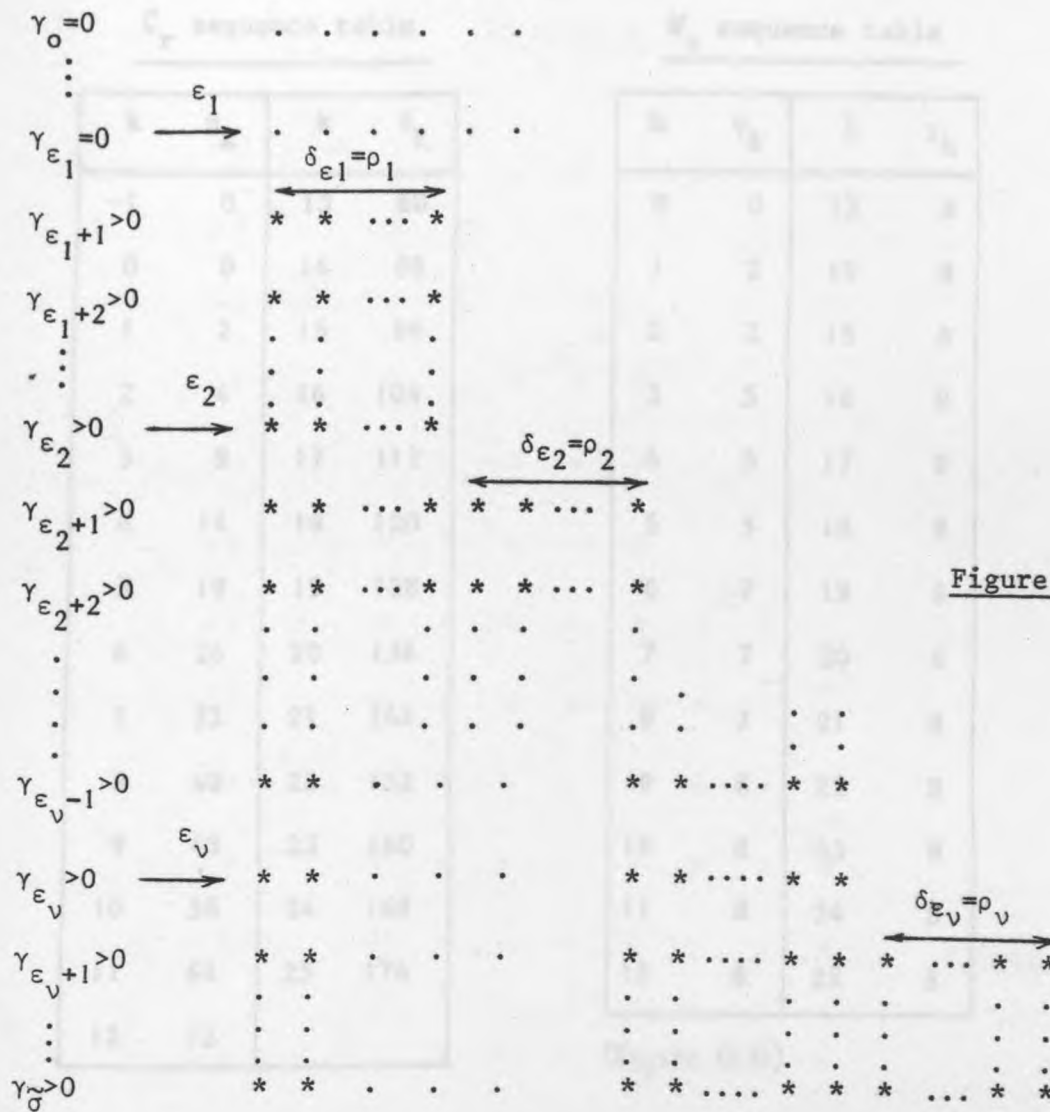


Figure (5.2)

From the above staircase diagram, the values of c.m.i. are computed as those integers associated with the different steps; the multiplicities of the corresponding c.m.i. are defined by the width (gap)  $\delta_\epsilon = \gamma_{\epsilon+1} - \gamma_\epsilon$  of the step.

□

The following example illustrates the two procedures presented above.

Example (5.1): Let  $sF - \hat{s}G$  be a  $24 \times 32$  singular pencil and let the sequences  $C_r$  and  $W_r$  be given for  $k = -1, 0, 1, \dots, 25$  ( $\tilde{\sigma} = 25$ ) in the following tables:

$C_r$  sequence table

k	$\theta_k$	k	$\theta_k$
-1	0	13	80
0	0	14	88
1	2	15	96
2	4	16	104
3	9	17	112
4	14	18	120
5	19	19	128
6	26	20	136
7	33	21	144
8	40	22	152
9	48	23	160
10	56	24	168
11	64	25	176
12	72		

 $W_r$  sequence table

k	$\gamma_k$	k	$\gamma_k$
0	0	13	8
1	2	14	8
2	2	15	8
3	5	16	8
4	5	17	8
5	5	18	8
6	7	19	8
7	7	20	8
8	7	21	8
9	8	22	8
10	8	23	8
11	8	24	8
12	8	25	8

(Figure (5.3))

From the above tables we may now form the RPAPS diagram and the WS diagram ; these two diagrams are shown in Figure (5.3) and Figure (5.4) respectively. The set of c.m.i.  $I_c(F,G)$  is then given by

$$I_c(F,G) = \{(\epsilon_1=0, \rho_1=2), (\epsilon_2=2, \rho_2=3), (\epsilon_3=5, \rho_3=2), (\epsilon_4=8, \rho_4=1)\}$$

Note that since  $\sum_{j=1}^4 \rho_j(\epsilon_j+1)=32$ , the pencil  $sF-\hat{s}G$  is entirely singular. □

RPAPS Diagram

index:	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	....	24
gap:	2	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	....	0
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Figure (5.3)

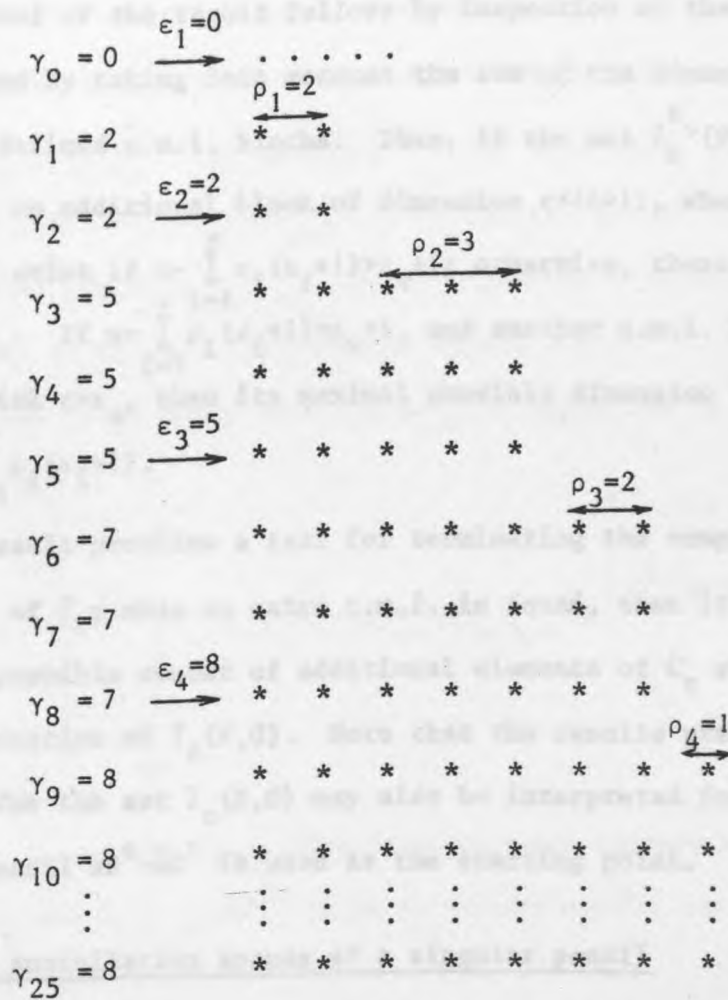
WS Diagram

Figure (5.4)

Note that the integer  $\tilde{\sigma}$  used for the evaluation of the first elements of  $C_r$ , or  $W_r$  sequences may be rather large. A procedure involving less computations is suggested by the following result.

Proposition (5.8): Let  $I_c^{\epsilon_v}(F, G) = \{(\epsilon_1, \rho_1), \dots, (\epsilon_v, \rho_v)\} \subseteq I_c(F, G)$  be the subset computed from the elements  $\{\theta_{-1}, \theta_0, \theta_1, \dots, \theta_{\epsilon_v}, \theta_{\epsilon_v+1}\}$  of the  $C_r$  sequence of the  $m \times n$  singular pencil  $sF - \hat{s}G$ . Then,

- (i)  $I_c^{\epsilon_v}(F, G) = I_c(F, G)$  if  $\pi_{\epsilon_v} = n - \sum_{i=1}^v \rho_i(\epsilon_i + 1) - (\epsilon_v + 1) \leq 0$ .
- (ii) If  $\pi_{\epsilon_v} > 0$ , then at most the elements  $\{\theta_{\epsilon_v+2}, \dots, \theta_{k+1}\}$  are needed for determining the  $I_c(F, G)$  set, where  $k = n - \sum_{i=1}^v \rho_i(\epsilon_i + 1) - 1 > \epsilon_v + 1$ .

Proof

The proof of the result follows by inspection of the dimension of the pencil and by taking into account the sum of the dimensions of the already defined c.m.i. blocks. Thus, if the set  $I_c^\varepsilon(F, G)$  has been defined, an additional block of dimension  $\varepsilon \times (\varepsilon + 1)$ , where  $\varepsilon > \varepsilon_v$ , may possibly exist if  $n - \sum_{i=1}^v \rho_i(\varepsilon_i + 1) > \varepsilon_v + 1$ ; otherwise, there is no c.m.i. block with  $\varepsilon > \varepsilon_v$ . If  $n - \sum_{i=1}^v \rho_i(\varepsilon_i + 1) > \varepsilon_v + 1$ , and another c.m.i. block  $\varepsilon \times (\varepsilon + 1)$  exists with  $\varepsilon > \varepsilon_v$ , then its maximal possible dimension is  $k(k+1)$ , where  $k+1 = n - \sum_{i=1}^v \rho_i(\varepsilon_i + 1)$ . □

This result provides a test for terminating the computation of the elements of  $C_r$ ; when an extra c.m.i. is found, then it also indicates the maximal possible number of additional elements of  $C_r$  which are needed for the computation of  $I_c(F, G)$ . Note that the results presented in this section for the set  $I_c(F, G)$  may also be interpreted for the set  $I_r(F, G)$  if the pencil  $sF^t - \hat{s}G^t$  is used as the starting point.

### 5.5 The annihilating spaces of a singular pencil

In this section, we examine a number of properties of the annihilating spaces associated with a singular pencil. The case of right annihilating spaces will be considered; the interpretation of these results to the case of left annihilating spaces is rather obvious ("transposed duality").

Let  $\underline{x}(s, \hat{s}) = [\underline{x}_{0,k-1}, \underline{x}_{1,k-2}, \dots, \underline{x}_{k-2,1}, \underline{x}_{k-1,0}] e_{k-1}(s, \hat{s}) = \underline{x}_{k-1} e_{k-1}(s, \hat{s})$  be a  $k$ -th right annihilating polynomial, generated by the  $k$ -th right annihilating vector  $\underline{x}_k = [\underline{x}_{k-1,0}^t, \dots, \underline{x}_{0,k-1}^t]^t$ . The associated supporting subspace  $X(\underline{x}_k) = \text{span}\{\underline{x}_{k-1,0}, \dots, \underline{x}_{0,k-1}\}$  has been defined as the associated  $k$ -th right annihilating space of  $\underline{x}_k$ , and shall be denoted by  $R(\underline{x}_k)$ .

The properties of  $R(\underline{x}_k)$  stem from the fact that  $\underline{x}_k \in N_r^k(F, G)$ ; the analysis in the previous sections thus provides the tools for the study of the properties of  $R(\underline{x}_k)$  spaces. Of special interest, is the parametrisation



of the basis matrices  $X_{k-1}$ . This analysis leads to the definition of the maximal right annihilating space of  $sF-\hat{s}G$  and to the introduction of a minimal dimension direct sum decomposition for this subspace.

**Proposition (5.9):** Let  $sF-\hat{s}G \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}[s, \hat{s}]$  be a right singular pencil and let  $I_c(F, G) = \{\varepsilon_1 = \dots = \varepsilon_g = 0 < \varepsilon_{g+1} \leq \dots \leq \varepsilon_\rho\}$  be the set of c.m.i. Let us also assume that  $\underline{x}(s, \hat{s}) = X_{k-1} \underline{e}_{k-1}(s, \hat{s})$  be a general  $k$ -th right annihilating polynomial of  $sF-\hat{s}G$ . There always exists a  $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $|Q| \neq 0$ , such that the general family of basis matrices  $X_{k-1}$  is expressed by

$$X_{k-1} = Q \begin{bmatrix} D_{k,0,g} \\ \vdots \\ D_{k,\varepsilon_{g+1}} \\ \vdots \\ D_{k,\varepsilon_v} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ if } \varepsilon_v + 1 \leq k < \varepsilon_{v+1} + 1, \quad X_{k-1} = Q \begin{bmatrix} D_{k,0,g} \\ \vdots \\ D_{k,\varepsilon_{g+1}} \\ \vdots \\ D_{k,\varepsilon_\rho} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ if } k \geq \varepsilon_\rho + 1 \quad (5.25)$$

where  $D_{k,\varepsilon_j}$  are the  $(k, \varepsilon_j)$ -Toeplitz matrices corresponding to nonzero c.m.i.  $\varepsilon_j$  and  $D_{k,0,g} \in \mathbb{R}^{g \times k}$  is an arbitrary matrix associated with the  $g$  zero c.m.i.  $\square$

This result is an extension of the basis matrix parametrisation result for entirely right singular matrices [Kar. -2] and its proof readily follows by Corollaries (5.1) and (5.3). By assigning arbitrarily the parameters in  $D_{k,0,g}$  and  $D_{k,\varepsilon_j}$  blocks, families of supporting subspaces  $R(\underline{x}_{-k})$  are defined. The properties of supporting subspaces  $R(\underline{x}_{-k})$  are examined next.

Let  $\underline{x}(s, \hat{s}) = X_{k-1} \underline{e}_{k-1}(s, \hat{s})$  be a right annihilating polynomial vector.  $\underline{x}(s, \hat{s})$  will be called prime, if  $\text{rank}_{\mathbb{R}}\{X_{k-1}\} = k$ ; then  $R(\underline{x}_{-k}) = \text{col-span}\{X_{k-1}\}$  has dimension  $k$ . The polynomial vector  $\underline{x}(s, \hat{s})$  will be called non-prime if  $\text{rank}\{X_{k-1}\} < k$ . For non-prime annihilating vectors we have:

Lemma (5.3): Let  $\underline{x}(s, \hat{s}) = [\underline{x}_0, \underline{x}_1, \dots, \underline{x}_k] \underline{e}_{-k}(s, \hat{s}) = \underline{x}_{k-k}(s, \hat{s})$  be a non-prime annihilating polynomial and let  $v$  be the index for which the vector chain  $\{\underline{x}_0, \underline{x}_1, \dots, \underline{x}_{v-1}\}$  is independent but  $\{\underline{x}_0, \underline{x}_1, \dots, \underline{x}_{v-1}, \underline{x}_v\}$  is dependent. There exists a prime right annihilating polynomial vector  $\underline{x}^*(s, \hat{s}) = [\underline{x}_0^*, \underline{x}_1^*, \dots, \underline{x}_{v-1}^*] \underline{e}_{-v-1}(s, \hat{s}) = \underline{x}_{v-1}^* \underline{e}_{-v-1}(s, \hat{s})$  for which  $\text{span}\{\underline{x}_0^*, \dots, \underline{x}_{v-1}^*\} = \text{span}\{\underline{x}_0, \underline{x}_1, \dots, \underline{x}_{v-1}\}$ .

Proof

Since  $\underline{x}(s, \hat{s}) \in N_r\{sF - \hat{s}G\}$ , we have that

$$G\underline{x}_0 = 0, G\underline{x}_1 = F\underline{x}_0, G\underline{x}_2 = F\underline{x}_1, \dots, G\underline{x}_k = F\underline{x}_{k-1}, F\underline{x}_k = 0 \quad (5.26)$$

We may write  $\underline{x}_v = \alpha_1 \underline{x}_{v-1} + \alpha_2 \underline{x}_{v-2} + \dots + \alpha_v \underline{x}_0$  and thus by (5.26) we have

$$G\underline{x}_v = \alpha_1 G\underline{x}_{v-1} + \alpha_2 G\underline{x}_{v-2} + \dots + \alpha_{v-1} G\underline{x}_1 + \alpha_v \underbrace{G\underline{x}_0}_0$$

or

$$F\underline{x}_{v-1} = \alpha_1 F\underline{x}_{v-2} + \alpha_2 F\underline{x}_{v-3} + \dots + \alpha_{v-1} F\underline{x}_0$$

Then, it is clear that

$$F\underline{x}_{v-1}^* = 0, \text{ where } \underline{x}_{v-1}^* = \underline{x}_{v-1}^{-\alpha_1} \underline{x}_{v-2}^{-\alpha_2} \underline{x}_{v-3}^{-\alpha_3} \dots \underline{x}_0^{-\alpha_{v-1}} \quad (5.27a)$$

By (5.27a) and (5.26) it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} G\underline{x}_{v-1}^* &= G\underline{x}_{v-1}^{-\alpha_1} G\underline{x}_{v-2}^{-\alpha_2} \dots G\underline{x}_1^{-\alpha_{v-1}} \underbrace{G\underline{x}_0}_0 \\ &= F\{\underline{x}_{v-2}^{-\alpha_1} \underline{x}_{v-3}^{-\alpha_2} \underline{x}_{v-4}^{-\alpha_3} \dots \underline{x}_{v-2}^{-\alpha_{v-2}} \underline{x}_0\} \end{aligned}$$

and thus

$$G\underline{x}_{v-1}^* = F\underline{x}_{v-2}^*, \text{ where } \underline{x}_{v-2}^* = \underline{x}_{v-2}^{-\alpha_1} \underline{x}_{v-3}^{-\alpha_2} \dots \underline{x}_{v-2}^{-\alpha_{v-2}} \underline{x}_0 \quad (5.27b)$$

We may continue the process and define the vectors

$$\underline{x}_{v-3}^* = \underline{x}_{v-3}^{-\alpha_1} \underline{x}_{v-4}^{-\alpha_2} \dots \underline{x}_{v-3}^{-\alpha_{v-3}} \underline{x}_0^*, \dots, \underline{x}_1^* = \underline{x}_1^{-\alpha_1} \underline{x}_0^*, \underline{x}_0^* = \underline{x}_0^* \quad (5.27c)$$

and the vectors  $\{\underline{x}_0^*, \underline{x}_1^*, \dots, \underline{x}_{v-3}^*, \underline{x}_{v-2}^*, \underline{x}_{v-1}^*\}$  satisfy the conditions

$$G \underline{x}_0^* = 0, G \underline{x}_1^* = F \underline{x}_0^*, \dots, G \underline{x}_{v-1}^* = F \underline{x}_{v-2}^*, F \underline{x}_{v-1}^* = 0 \quad (5.27d)$$

Thus the vector  $\underline{x}^*(s, \hat{s}) = [\underline{x}_0^*, \underline{x}_1^*, \dots, \underline{x}_{v-1}^*] \underline{e}_{v-1}(s, \hat{s})$  is a right annihilating vector of degree  $v-1$ . Note that

$$[\underline{x}_0^*, \underline{x}_1^*, \dots, \underline{x}_{v-1}^*] = [\underline{x}_0, \underline{x}_1, \dots, \underline{x}_{v-1}] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\alpha_1 & \dots & -\alpha_{v-1} \\ 0 & 1 & -\alpha_1 & \dots & -\alpha_{v-2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & 1 & -\alpha_1 \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \triangleq P \quad (5.28)$$

Since  $P$  has full rank,  $\{\underline{x}_0^*, \dots, \underline{x}_{v-1}^*\}$  are linearly independent and  $\text{sp}\{\underline{x}_0^*, \underline{x}_1^*, \dots, \underline{x}_{v-1}^*\} = \text{sp}\{\underline{x}_0, \underline{x}_1, \dots, \underline{x}_{v-1}\}$ . □

The above Lemma is implicit in the reduction of a pencil to the Kronecker form [Gan. -1].

Proposition (5.10): Let  $sF - \hat{s}G \in R^{m \times n}[s, \hat{s}]$  be a right singular pencil.

There exists a minimal basis  $B(s, \hat{s}) = \{\underline{x}_{\epsilon_i}(s, \hat{s}), i \in p\}$  for  $N_r\{sF - \hat{s}G\}$  with the following properties:

- (i) The vectors  $\underline{x}_{\epsilon_i}(s, \hat{s}) = \underline{x}_{\epsilon_i} \cdot \underline{e}_{\epsilon_i}(s, \hat{s})$  are prime for  $\forall i \in p$ .
- (ii) The set of subspaces  $R(B) = \{R_{\epsilon_i} : R_{\epsilon_i} = \text{sp}\{\underline{x}_{\epsilon_i}\}, i \in p\}$  is linearly independent.

Proof

Let  $\underline{e}_{\epsilon}(s, \hat{s}) = [\hat{s}^{\epsilon}, \hat{s}^{\epsilon-1} s, \dots, \hat{s} s^{\epsilon-1}, s^{\epsilon}]^t$  be the  $\epsilon$ -th order vector of a polarity, when  $\epsilon > 0$  is a nonzero c.m.i. and let  $\underline{e}_{\epsilon}(s, \hat{s}) = 1$ , when  $\epsilon = 0$ .

The matrix



rank  $r$  set  $S(s, \hat{s})$  we may associate two modules; by setting  $\hat{s}=1$ , and  $s=1$  respectively, we obtain the sets  $S(s) \triangleq S(s, 1) = \{\underline{x}_i(s) : \underline{x}_i(s) = \underline{x}_i(s, 1) \in \mathbb{R}^n[s], i \in \underline{r}\}$  and  $\hat{S}(\hat{s}) \triangleq S(1, \hat{s}) = \{\underline{x}_i(\hat{s}) : \underline{x}_i(\hat{s}) = \underline{x}_i(1, \hat{s}) \in \mathbb{R}^n[\hat{s}], i \in \underline{r}\}$ . The sets  $S(s)$ ,  $\hat{S}(\hat{s})$  have the same characteristic space, which is the space associated with  $S(s, \hat{s})$ . The finitely generated  $\mathbb{R}[s]$ ,  $\mathbb{R}[\hat{s}]$  modules defined by the sets  $S(s)$ ,  $\hat{S}(\hat{s})$  respectively shall be denoted by  $M_S, M_{\hat{S}}$  correspondingly and shall be referred to as the associated modules of  $S(s, \hat{s})$ . An important property of  $R_S$  is defined below.

Lemma (5.4): Let  $S(s, \hat{s}) = \{\underline{x}_i(s, \hat{s}) : \underline{x}_i(s, \hat{s}) = X_{p_i} e_{-p_i}(s, \hat{s}) \in \mathbb{R}^n[s, \hat{s}], i \in \underline{r}\}$  be an  $r$ -rank set,  $R_S$  be the corresponding characteristic space and let

$M_S, M_{\hat{S}}$  be the  $\mathbb{R}[s]$ -,  $\mathbb{R}[\hat{s}]$ -associated modules with the set  $S(s, \hat{s})$ . Then,

(i)  $R_S$  is an invariant of both  $M_S$  and  $M_{\hat{S}}$  modules.

(ii) If  $R_{p_i}$  are the supporting subspaces of  $\underline{x}_{-p_i}(s, \hat{s})$ , then

$$\dim R_S \leq \dim R_{p_1} + \dots + \dim R_{p_r}$$

and there is equality, if and only if the subspaces  $\{R_{p_i}, i \in \underline{r}\}$  are linearly independent.

### Proof

(i) Let  $S'(s) = \{\underline{x}'_i(s), i \in \underline{r}\}$  be another basis of  $M_S$ . Then,

$$\underline{x}'_j(s) = \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_{ji}(s) \underline{x}_i(s) = X'_{q_j} e_{-q_j}(s), \forall j \in \underline{r}, \text{ where } \alpha_{ji}(s) \in \mathbb{R}[s] \quad (5.31a)$$

If  $R'_{q_j}$  is the supporting subspace of  $\underline{x}'_j(s)$ , then (5.31a) implies that  $R'_{q_j} \subseteq R_S$  and thus  $\sum_{i=1}^r R'_{q_j} = R_{S'} \subseteq R_S$ , where  $R_{S'}$  is the characteristic space of  $S'(s)$ . Similarly, since  $S'(s)$  is a basis of  $M_S$  we have

$$\underline{x}_j(s) = \sum_{i=1}^r b_{ji}(s) \underline{x}'_i(s), \forall j \in \underline{r}, \text{ where } b_{ji}(s) \in \mathbb{R}[s] \quad (5.31b)$$

and thus  $R_{p_i} \subseteq R_{S'}$ ; the latter implies that  $\sum_{i=1}^r R_{p_i} = R_S \subseteq R_{S'}$ , and therefore  $R_S = R_{S'}$ . The proof for  $M_{\hat{S}}$  is identical.



(ii) This part is a straightforward application of a standard result [God. -1]. □

The notion of the characteristic space introduced for an  $r$ -rank set  $S(s, \hat{s})$  is now specialised to the minimal basis sets of  $N_r\{sF - \hat{s}G\}$ . We may state the following result.

**Theorem (5.3):** Let  $B(s, \hat{s}) = \{\underline{x}_{\epsilon_i}(s, \hat{s}) : \underline{x}_{\epsilon_i}(s, \hat{s}) \in \mathbb{R}^n[s, \hat{s}], i \in p\}$  be a minimal basis for  $N_r\{sF - \hat{s}G\}$  and let  $R^*$  be the characteristic space of  $B(s, \hat{s})$ . Then the following properties hold true:

- (i)  $R^*$  is an invariant of the rational vector space  $N_r\{sF - \hat{s}G\}$  and  $\dim R^* = \sum_{i=1}^p (\epsilon_i + 1)$ .
- (ii) Every minimal basis  $B(s, \hat{s})$  is complete.
- (iii) The characteristic space  $R^*$  is the maximal right annihilating space of  $sF - \hat{s}G$ . If  $R_{\epsilon_i}$  is the supporting subspace of a minimal basis  $B(s, \hat{s})$ , then  $R^*$  may be decomposed as

$$R^* = R_{\epsilon_1} \oplus R_{\epsilon_2} \oplus \dots \oplus R_{\epsilon_p} \quad (5.32)$$

#### Proof

- (i) By Lemma (5.4), all minimal bases of  $N_r\{sF - G\}$ ,  $N_r\{F - \hat{s}G\}$  have the same characteristic space  $R^*$ , which is the characteristic space of the  $\mathbb{R}[s, \hat{s}]$  minimal basis of  $N_r\{sF - \hat{s}G\}$ . By Proposition (5.10), there exists a complete minimal basis for  $N_r\{sF - \hat{s}G\}$ . If  $R_{\epsilon_i}$  are the supporting subspaces of the  $\underline{x}_{\epsilon_i}(s, \hat{s})$  vectors of this basis, then  $R^* = R_{\epsilon_1} \oplus \dots \oplus R_{\epsilon_p}$  and thus  $\dim R^* = \sum_{i=1}^p \dim R_{\epsilon_i} = \sum_{i=1}^p (\epsilon_i + 1)$ .
- (ii) Consider the complete minimal basis  $B(s, \hat{s}) = \{\underline{x}_{\epsilon_i}(s, \hat{s}) : \underline{x}_{\epsilon_i}(s, \hat{s}) \in \mathbb{R}^n[s, \hat{s}], i \in p\}$  and another minimal basis  $B'(s, \hat{s}) = \{\underline{x}'_{\epsilon_i}(s, \hat{s}) : \underline{x}'_{\epsilon_i}(s, \hat{s}) \in \mathbb{R}^n[s, \hat{s}], i \in p\}$ . If  $R'_{\epsilon_i}$  are the supporting subspaces associated with the minimal degree  $\epsilon_i$  vectors  $\underline{x}'_{\epsilon_i}(s, \hat{s})$ , then clearly

$\rho_i = \dim R'_{\epsilon_i} \leq (\epsilon_i + 1), \forall i \in p$ ; however, by the invariance of the characteristic space (part (i)) we have that  $R^* = \sum_{i=1}^p R'_{\epsilon_i}$  and thus

$$\dim R^* = \sum_{i=1}^p (\epsilon_i + 1) \leq \sum_{i=1}^p \dim R'_{\epsilon_i} = \sum_{i=1}^p \rho_i \quad (5.33a)$$

since  $\rho_i \leq (\epsilon_i + 1)$ , it follows that

$$\sum_{i=1}^p \rho_i = \sum_{i=1}^p \dim R'_{\epsilon_i} \leq \sum_{i=1}^p (\epsilon_i + 1) = \dim R^* \quad (5.33b)$$

By (5.33a) and (5.33b) it follows that

$$\dim R^* = \sum_{i=1}^p (\epsilon_i + 1) = \sum_{i=1}^p \dim R'_{\epsilon_i} \quad (5.33c)$$

By part (ii) of Lemma (5.4) it follows that the subspaces  $\{R'_{\epsilon_i}, i \in p\}$  are linearly independent; furthermore, since  $\sum_{i=1}^p (\epsilon_i + 1) = \sum_{i=1}^p \rho_i$  and  $\rho_i \leq (\epsilon_i + 1)$  we have that  $\rho_i = \epsilon_i + 1, \forall i \in p$  and thus the basis  $B'(s, \hat{s})$  is complete.

(iii) If  $B(s, \hat{s})$  is any minimal basis of  $N_r\{sF - \hat{s}G\}$  and  $\underline{x}(s, \hat{s})$  is an arbitrary right annihilating polynomial vector, then  $\underline{x}(s, 1) = \underline{x}(s)$  (or  $\underline{x}(1, \hat{s}) = \underline{\hat{x}}(\hat{s})$ ) may be expressed as

$$\underline{x}(s) = X_{q-q} \underline{e}(s) = \sum_{i=1}^p \alpha_i(s) \underline{x}_{\epsilon_i}(s), \alpha_i(s) \in \mathbb{R}[s] \quad (5.34)$$

from which  $\text{sp}\{X_q\} \subseteq R^*$ . This proves that  $R^*$  is the maximal right annihilating space of  $sF - \hat{s}G$ . The direct sum decomposition of  $R^*$  follows from the fact that any minimal basis is complete.  $\square$

This result establishes that the characteristic subspace  $R^*$  associated with a minimal basis of  $N_r\{sF - \hat{s}G\}$  is an invariant of the rational vector space  $N_r\{sF - \hat{s}G\}$ ; furthermore, any minimal basis is complete and thus defines a direct sum decomposition for  $R^*$ , which however is not uniquely defined. The set of supporting subspaces  $\{R_B\} = \{R_{\epsilon_i}, i \in p\}$  associated with a minimal basis  $B(s, \hat{s})$  is linearly independent and their dimensions are minimal; such a set  $\{R_B\}$  will be referred to as the minimal right annihilating set of  $B(s, \hat{s})$ . The characteristic space  $R^*$  will be referred

to as the maximal right annihilating space of  $sF - \hat{s}G$ .  $R^*$  may be computed without resorting to the computation of a minimal basis; furthermore, minimal bases may be computed without the use of algebraic tools, but by using the properties of the  $k$ -th right characteristic spaces of  $(F, G)$ . Some further properties of the minimal bases are considered first.

Corollary (5.6): Let  $sF - \hat{s}G \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}[s, \hat{s}]$  be a right singular pencil,

$B(s, \hat{s}) = \{ \underline{x}_{\epsilon_i}(s, \hat{s}) : \underline{x}_{\epsilon_i}(s, \hat{s}) = [\underline{x}_0^i, \underline{x}_1^i, \dots, \underline{x}_{\epsilon_i}^i] \underline{e}_{\epsilon_i}(s, \hat{s}) = \underline{x}_{\epsilon_i} \underline{e}_{\epsilon_i}(s, \hat{s}), i \in p \}$  be a minimal basis of  $N_r\{sF - \hat{s}G\}$  and let  $R_\ell = \text{sp}\{\underline{x}_0^1, \dots, \underline{x}_0^p\}$  and  $R_h = \text{sp}\{\underline{x}_{\epsilon_1}^1, \dots, \underline{x}_{\epsilon_p}^p\}$ , be the subspaces of  $R^*$ . Then,

- (i) The subspaces  $R_\ell, R_h$  are invariants of the rational vector space  $N_r\{sF - \hat{s}G\}$ .
- (ii)  $N_r\{G\} \cap R^* = R_\ell$  and  $N_r\{F\} \cap R^* = R_h$ .

Proof

(i) Let  $\underline{x}(s, \hat{s}) \in \mathbb{R}^n[s, \hat{s}] \in N_r\{sF - \hat{s}G\}$  be a homogeneous polynomial vector of homogeneous degree  $k$ . For  $\hat{s}=1$ ,  $\underline{x}(s) = \underline{x}(s, 1)$  may be expressed in terms of the vectors of the minimal basis  $B(s, 1)$  as

$$\underline{x}(s) = \sum_{j: \epsilon_j \leq k} c_{\epsilon_j}(s) \underline{x}_{\epsilon_j}(s) \quad (5.35)$$

where  $c_{\epsilon_j}(s) \in \mathbb{R}[s]$  and  $\deg\{c_{\epsilon_j}(s)\} = k - \epsilon_j$ . If  $\underline{x}(s) = \underline{x}_0 + \underline{x}_1 s + \dots + \underline{x}_k s^k$ , then (5.35) implies that  $\underline{x}_0 \in R_\ell$ . If  $B'(s, \hat{s}) = \{\underline{x}'_{\epsilon_i}(s, \hat{s}), i \in p\}$  is another minimal basis of  $N_r\{sF - \hat{s}G\}$ , then every vector  $\underline{x}'_{\epsilon_j}(s)$  may be expressed as in (5.35) and thus  $\underline{x}'_0 \in R_\ell$ ; this clearly implies that  $R'_\ell = \text{sp}\{\underline{x}'_0^1, \dots, \underline{x}'_0^p\} \subseteq R_\ell$ .

However, every vector of  $B(s, 1)$  may be expressed in terms of the basis  $B'(s, 1)$  as in (5.35) and thus  $R_\ell \subseteq R'_\ell$ . By the conditions  $R'_\ell \subseteq R_\ell$  and  $R_\ell \subseteq R'_\ell$  it follows  $R_\ell = R'_\ell$ , which proves the invariance. The invariance of  $R_h$  is proved along similar lines (i.e. set  $s=1$  and consider the vector  $\underline{x}(\hat{s}) = \underline{x}(1, \hat{s})$  etc.).

- (ii) Clearly  $N_r\{G\} \cap R^* = \tilde{R} \neq \{0\}$  and  $R_\ell \subseteq \tilde{R}$ . To prove that  $R_\ell = \tilde{R}$  we have to show

that  $N_r\{G\}nR_\ell^* \subseteq R_\ell$ . In order to establish the latter condition, it is sufficient to show that the general vector  $\underline{z}_0 \in N_r\{G\}nR^*$  is the constant coefficient vector of some  $\underline{z}(s, \hat{s}) \in N_r\{sF - \hat{s}G\}$  homogeneous polynomial vector; if this is shown then from the proof of part (i) it follows that  $\underline{z}_0 \in R_\ell$ .

Let  $\underline{z}_0 \in N_r\{G\}nR^*$  and let  $\tau = \{\dots; \underline{x}_0^i, \underline{x}_1^i, \dots, \underline{x}_{\epsilon_i}^i; \dots\}$  be the basis for  $R^*$  defined by the coefficient of minimal basis vectors  $\underline{x}_{\epsilon_i}^i(s, \hat{s})$  of  $B(s, \hat{s})$ .

Then,

$$\underline{z}_0 = \sum_{j=0}^{\epsilon_1} \alpha_j^1 \underline{x}_{j-1}^1 + \dots + \sum_{j=0}^{\epsilon_p} \alpha_j^p \underline{x}_{j-1}^p \quad \text{and} \quad G\underline{z}_0 = \underline{0} \quad (5.36a)$$

Note that

$$F\underline{z}_0 = \sum_{j=0}^{\epsilon_1-1} \alpha_j^1 F\underline{x}_{j-1}^1 + \dots + \sum_{j=0}^{\epsilon_p-1} \alpha_j^p F\underline{x}_{j-1}^p = \sum_{j=1}^{\epsilon_1} \alpha_{j-1}^1 G\underline{x}_{j-1}^1 + \dots + \sum_{j=1}^{\epsilon_p} \alpha_{j-1}^p G\underline{x}_{j-1}^p \quad (5.36b)$$

since the vectors  $\{\underline{x}_0^i, \dots, \underline{x}_{\epsilon_i}^i\}$  satisfy conditions (5.4a). If we define the vector  $\underline{z}_1 = \sum_{j=1}^{\epsilon_1} \alpha_{j-1}^1 \underline{x}_{j-1}^1 + \dots + \sum_{j=1}^{\epsilon_p} \alpha_{j-1}^p \underline{x}_{j-1}^p$ , then  $F\underline{z}_0 = G\underline{z}_1$ . We may continue the process and define vectors

$$\underline{z}_k = \sum_{j=k}^{\epsilon_1} \alpha_{j-k}^1 \underline{x}_{j-k}^1 + \dots + \sum_{j=k}^{\epsilon_p} \alpha_{j-k}^p \underline{x}_{j-k}^p \quad (5.36c)$$

where  $\alpha_{j-k}^i = 0$  if  $k > \epsilon_i$ . The vectors  $\underline{z}_k$  satisfy the conditions

$$G\underline{z}_0 = \underline{0}, G\underline{z}_1 = F\underline{z}_0, \dots, G\underline{z}_{\epsilon_p} = F\underline{z}_{\epsilon_p-1}, \underline{0} = F\underline{z}_{\epsilon_p} \quad (5.36d)$$

and thus there exists a homogeneous polynomial vector  $\underline{z}(s, \hat{s}) = \underline{z}_0 \hat{s}^{\epsilon_p} + \underline{z}_1 \hat{s}^{\epsilon_p-1} s + \dots + \underline{z}_{\epsilon_p} s^{\epsilon_p} \in N_r\{sF - \hat{s}G\}$  for every  $\underline{z}_0 \in N_r\{G\}nR^*$ . The proof of the second statement of part (ii) is similar.  $\square$

**Remark (5.8):** Let  $\underline{x}(s, \hat{s}) = \underline{x}_0 \hat{s}^k + \underline{x}_1 \hat{s}^{k-1} s + \dots + \underline{x}_{k-1} \hat{s} s^{k-1} + \underline{x}_k s^k$  be a general  $k$ -th right annihilating polynomial vector of  $sF - \hat{s}G$ . Then,  $\underline{x}_0 \in R_\ell$  and  $\underline{x}_k \in R_h$ .

**Corollary (5.6):** Let  $sF - \hat{s}G \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}[s, \hat{s}]$  be a right singular pencil,

$B(s, \hat{s}) = \{\underline{x}_{\epsilon_i}^i(s, \hat{s}) : \underline{x}_{\epsilon_i}^i(s, \hat{s}) = [\underline{x}_0^i, \underline{x}_1^i, \dots, \underline{x}_{\epsilon_i}^i] e_{\epsilon_i}^i(s, \hat{s}) = \underline{x}_{\epsilon_i}^i e_{\epsilon_i}^i(s, \hat{s}), i \in p\}$  be a homogeneous minimal basis of  $N_r\{sF - \hat{s}G\}$  and let  $T_{\epsilon_i} = \text{col-sp}\{G\underline{x}_{\epsilon_i}^i\}$  for  $\forall i \in p$ .



Then:

- (i) The set of vectors  $\{z_j^i: z_j^i = Gx_j^i \in \mathbb{R}^m, j \in \epsilon_i\}$  form a basis for the subspace  $T_{\epsilon_i}$ , for  $\forall i \in p$ , for which  $\epsilon_i > 0$ .
- (ii) The set of subspaces  $\{T_{\epsilon_i}: \text{for } \forall \epsilon_i > 0\}$  is linearly independent.
- (iii) If  $\{0 < \epsilon_{g+1} \leq \dots \leq \epsilon_p\}$  is the set of nonzero c.m.i., then the subspace

$$T^* = T_{\epsilon_{g+1}} \oplus \dots \oplus T_{\epsilon_p} \quad (5.37)$$

is an invariant of  $N_r\{sF - \hat{s}G\}$ .

### Proof

- (i) Clearly,  $Gx_0^i = 0$  and the vectors  $\{z_j^i = Gx_j^i, j \in \epsilon_i\}$  are nonzero. Assume that the vectors  $\{z_j^i: j \in \epsilon_i\}$  are dependent and let  $Gx_{-h}^i$  ( $h \geq 1$ ) be the first vector in  $\{z_1^i, \dots, z_h^i, \dots\}$  that is linearly dependent on the preceding ones and let

$$Gx_{-h}^i = \alpha_1 Gx_{-h-1}^i + \alpha_2 Gx_{-h-2}^i + \dots + \alpha_{h-1} Gx_{-1}^i$$

Following identical steps to those suggested in [Gant. -1] (Vol.2, pp32) it follows that vectors  $\tilde{x}_{-h-k}^i = x_{-h-k}^i - \alpha_1 x_{-h-k-1}^i - \dots - \alpha_{h-k} x_{-1}^i$ ,  $k=1, \dots, h$  may be defined for which conditions (5.4a) are satisfied. Clearly, the vector  $\tilde{x}_{-h-1}^i(s, s) = \tilde{x}_{-h-1}^i e_{h-1}(s, s) \in N_r\{sF - \hat{s}G\}$ ,  $\text{sp}\{\tilde{x}_{-h-1}^i\} \subset \mathcal{R}_{\epsilon_i}$  and  $\deg\{\tilde{x}_{-h-1}^i(s, \hat{s})\} = h-1 < \epsilon_i$ . If  $h-1 < \min\{\epsilon_j, j \in p\}$ , then the existence of  $\tilde{x}_{-h-1}^i(s, \hat{s})$  violates the minimality assumption for the  $I_c(F, G)$  set of indices. If  $h-1 \geq \min\{\epsilon_j, j \in p\}$  and  $\epsilon_v$  is the maximal minimal index for which  $\epsilon_1 > h-1 \geq \epsilon_v$ , then the polynomial vector  $\tilde{x}_{-h-1}^i(s, 1) = \tilde{x}_{-h-1}^i(s) = \tilde{x}_{-h-1}^i e_{h-1}(s)$  may be expressed in terms of the vectors of  $B(s, 1)$  as

$$\tilde{x}_{-h-1}^i(s) = \sum_{j: \epsilon_j \leq h-1} c_{\epsilon_j}(s) x_{\epsilon_j}^i(s) \quad (5.38a)$$

where  $c_{\epsilon_j}(s) \in \mathbb{R}[s]$  and  $\deg\{c_{\epsilon_j}(s)\} \leq h-1 - \epsilon_j$ . The above relationship then implies that



$$\text{sp}\{\tilde{X}_{h-1}\} \subseteq R_{\varepsilon_1} \oplus \dots \oplus R_{\varepsilon_v} \quad (5.38b)$$

Given that  $\text{sp}\{\tilde{X}_{h-1}\}$  is a proper subspace of  $R_{\varepsilon_i}$ , the above condition violates the completeness property of the basis  $B(s, \hat{s})$  and thus leads to a contradiction. Therefore, the vectors  $\{z_j^i, j \in \varepsilon_i\}$  are independent and given that they span  $T_{\varepsilon_i}$  ( $Gx_{-0}^i = 0$ ), they form a basis for  $T_{\varepsilon_i}$ .

(ii) Let  $I_c(F, G) = \{\varepsilon_1 = \dots = \varepsilon_g = 0 < \varepsilon_{g+1} \leq \dots \leq \varepsilon_p\}$ . The subspaces  $T_{\varepsilon_i}$ ,  $i = g+1, \dots, p$  are clearly nontrivial ( $\neq \{0\}$ ) and for every such subspace  $G[x_1^i, \dots, x_{\varepsilon_i}^i] = \hat{G}X_{\varepsilon_i}$  is a basis matrix. Assume that the set of subspaces  $\{T_{\varepsilon_i} : \varepsilon_i > 0\}$  is linearly dependent. Then, there exist vectors  $\underline{c}_{\varepsilon_i} \in R^{\varepsilon_i}$ ,  $i = g+1, \dots, p$ , not all of them zero such that

$$\hat{G}X_{\varepsilon_{g+1}} \underline{c}_{\varepsilon_{g+1}} + \dots + \hat{G}X_{\varepsilon_p} \underline{c}_{\varepsilon_p} = 0 \quad (5.39a)$$

If we define by  $\underline{c} = [\dots, \underline{c}_{\varepsilon_i}^t, \dots]^t$  and  $\hat{X} = [\dots; X_{\varepsilon_i}; \dots]$ , then (5.39a) yields  $\hat{G}\hat{X}\underline{c} = 0$ . Given that  $\hat{X}$  has linearly independent columns, the latter condition implies that  $\underline{z} = \hat{X}\underline{c} = 0$  and  $G\underline{z} = 0$ , or that

$$\underline{z} \in \text{sp}\{\hat{X}\} = \hat{R} \quad \text{and} \quad \underline{z} \in N_r\{G\} \quad (5.39b)$$

Given that  $\hat{R} \subset R^*$ , conditions (5.39b) imply that  $\underline{z} \in N_r\{G\} \cap R^*$  and by Corollary (5.6), we have that  $\underline{z} \in R_\ell$ . The conditions  $\underline{z} \in \hat{R}$  and  $\underline{z} \in R_\ell$  imply that  $\hat{R} \cap R_\ell \neq \{0\}$ , since  $\underline{z} \neq 0$ . However, by construction, the subspaces  $R_\ell$  and  $\hat{R}$  are linearly independent and thus  $\hat{R} \cap R_\ell = \{0\}$  from which  $\underline{z} = 0$ ; given that  $\hat{X}$  has full column rank, it follows that  $\underline{c} = 0$  which contradicts the linear dependence assumption.

(iii) The subspace  $T^*$  is well defined since the set of subspaces  $\{T_{\varepsilon_i} : \varepsilon_i > 0\}$  is linearly independent. Given that  $T^*$  is the image in  $R^m$  of the invariant subspace  $R^*$ , it is also invariant. □

The subspace  $T^*$  is the  $G$ -image of  $R^*$  and shall be called the maximal  $G$ -right annihilating space of  $sF - \hat{s}G$ . In a similar way we may define the

subspace  $W^*$  as the  $F$ -image of  $R^*$ ;  $W^*$  will be called the maximal  $F$ -right annihilating space of  $sF-\hat{s}G$  and its properties are similar to those of  $T^*$  described by Corollary (5.6). The bases for  $R^*$  and  $T^*$  defined by the vector coefficients of a minimal basis  $B(s, \hat{s})$  of  $N_r\{sF-\hat{s}G\}$  by

$$B_{R^*} = \{\dots; \underline{x}_0^i, \underline{x}_1^i, \dots, \underline{x}_{\epsilon_i}^i; \dots; i \in p\} \quad (5.40a)$$

$$B_{T^*} = \{\dots; G\underline{x}_1^j, G\underline{x}_2^j, \dots, G\underline{x}_{\epsilon_j}^j; \dots; j=g+1, \dots, p\} \quad (5.40b)$$

will be referred to as canonical bases of  $R^*$  and  $T^*$  respectively induced by the minimal basis  $B(s, \hat{s})$ ; the corresponding basis matrices defined by  $B_{R^*} = [\dots; \underline{x}_0^i, \underline{x}_1^i, \dots, \underline{x}_{\epsilon_i}^i; \dots]$ ,  $i \in p$ ,  $B_{T^*} = [\dots; G\underline{x}_1^j, G\underline{x}_2^j, \dots, G\underline{x}_{\epsilon_j}^j; \dots]$ ,  $j=g+1, \dots, p$  will be referred to with the same name. The importance of such bases in the canonical reduction of a singular pencil is demonstrated by the following result, which is an extension of a standard result in [Gant. -1].

Proposition (5.11): Let  $sF-\hat{s}G \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}[s, \hat{s}]$  be a right singular pencil,  $I_c(F, G) = \{\epsilon_1 = \dots = \epsilon_g = 0 < \epsilon_{g+1} \leq \dots \leq \epsilon_p\}$  be the set of c.m.i.,  $B(s, \hat{s})$  be a minimal basis for  $N_r\{sF-\hat{s}G\}$  and let  $B_{R^*}, B_{T^*}$  be the canonical basis matrices of  $R^*, T^*$  respectively induced by  $B(s, \hat{s})$ . Then,

- (i) For every pair  $(R, Q)$ , where  $R = [B_{T^*}, B''] \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ ,  $Q = [B_{R^*}, B'] \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $|R|, |Q| \neq 0$ , but with  $B'', B'$  otherwise arbitrary, then

$$R^{-1}(sF-\hat{s}G)Q = \begin{bmatrix} L_{\epsilon}(s, \hat{s}) & | & sC-\hat{s}D \\ \hline 0 & | & sA-\hat{s}E \end{bmatrix} \quad (5.41)$$

where  $L_{\epsilon}(s, \hat{s})$  has the canonical structure (5.15), and  $N_r\{sA-\hat{s}E\} = \{0\}$ .

- (ii) There always exists a choice of the  $B', B''$  such that for the resulting  $(R, Q)$ , we have

$$R^{-1}(sF-\hat{s}G)Q = \begin{bmatrix} L_{\epsilon}(s, \hat{s}) & | & 0 \\ \hline 0 & | & sA-\hat{s}E \end{bmatrix} \quad (5.42)$$

Proof

For the matrices  $R=[B_{T^*}, B'']$ ,  $Q=[B_{R^*}, B']$  we have that

$$FQ = [FB_{R^*}, FB'] = [B_{T^*}, B''] \begin{bmatrix} L_\epsilon & C \\ 0 & A \end{bmatrix} \triangleq F \quad (5.43a)$$

$$GQ = [GB_{R^*}, GB'] = [B_{T^*}, B''] \begin{bmatrix} \hat{L}_\epsilon & D \\ 0 & E \end{bmatrix} \triangleq G \quad (5.43b)$$

where the matrices  $L_\epsilon, \hat{L}_\epsilon$  are defined by  $L_\epsilon(s, \hat{s}) = sL_\epsilon - \hat{s}\hat{L}_\epsilon$ , where  $L_\epsilon(s, \hat{s})$  has the canonical structure (5.15). Conditions (5.43) readily follow from the properties of  $B_{R^*}$ . Clearly then  $R^{-1}(sF - \hat{s}G)Q$  has the (5.41) structure. To prove that  $N_r\{sA - \hat{s}E\} = \{0\}$ , set  $\hat{s}=1$  in (5.41) and note that the nonzero columns of  $L_\epsilon(s, 1) = L_\epsilon(s)$  define a minimal basis for the maximal  $R[s]$ -module of  $R^{\sum \epsilon_i}(s)$ ; thus, we may write

$$sC - D = L_\epsilon(s)K(s) \quad (5.44a)$$

where  $K(s)$  is some appropriate matrix with elements from  $R[s]$ . If now  $\underline{x}(s)$  is a nonzero polynomial vector for which  $(sA - \hat{s}E)\underline{x}(s) = 0$ , then a polynomial vector  $\underline{y}(s)$  may be defined by

$$\underline{y}(s) = -K(s)\underline{x}(s) + \underline{p}(s), \quad \underline{p}(s) \in N_r\{L_\epsilon(s)\} \quad (5.44b)$$

By conditions (5.44a) and (5.44b), it is readily seen that

$$(s\tilde{F} - \tilde{G})\underline{r}(s) = \begin{bmatrix} L_\epsilon(s) & sC - D \\ 0 & sA - E \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \underline{y}(s) \\ \underline{x}(s) \end{bmatrix} = \underline{0} \quad (5.44c)$$

The polynomial vector  $\underline{r}'(s) = Q^{-1}\underline{r}(s) \in N_r\{sF - G\}$  and because  $\underline{x}(s) \neq 0$ , the corresponding supporting subspace is independent from  $R^*$ ; clearly, this contradicts the maximality property of  $R^*$ .

(ii) The proof of part (ii) follows along similar lines to those discussed in [Gant. -1] (Vol.2, pp33-34).

□

The above result demonstrates the nature of the matrix  $Q$  in the parametrisation of the basis matrices of right annihilating polynomials of  $sF-\hat{s}G$  (Proposition (5.9)). Using Proposition (5.11), Proposition (5.9) may be stated as follows:

Proposition (5.12): Let  $sF-\hat{s}G \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}[s, s]$  be a right singular pencil,  $I_c(F, G) = \{\epsilon_1 = \dots = \epsilon_g = 0 < \epsilon_{g+1} \leq \dots \leq \epsilon_p\}$  be the set of c.m.i.,  $B(s, \hat{s}) = \{\underline{x}_{\epsilon_i}(s, \hat{s}), i \in p\}$  be an ordered minimal basis for  $N_r\{sF-\hat{s}G\}$  and let

$$B_{R^*} = [B_{\epsilon_1}; \dots; B_{\epsilon_i}; \dots; B_{\epsilon_p}], \quad B_{\epsilon_i} = [\underline{x}_0^i, \underline{x}_1^i, \dots, \underline{x}_{\epsilon_i}^i] \quad (5.45)$$

be the canonical basis matrix of  $R^*$  induced by  $B(s, \hat{s})$ . The basis matrix of a general  $k$ -th right annihilating vector  $\underline{x}(s, \hat{s}) = \underline{x}_{k-1} e_{k-1}(s, \hat{s})$  of  $sF-\hat{s}G$  may be expressed by

$$\underline{x}_{k-1} = B_{R^*} D_k = B_{R^*} \begin{bmatrix} D_{k,0,g} \\ D_{k,\epsilon_g+1} \\ \vdots \\ D_{k,\epsilon_p} \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{i=1}^g B_{\epsilon_i} d_{k,i,0}^t + \sum_{i=g+1}^p B_{\epsilon_i} D_{k,\epsilon_i} \quad (5.46)$$

where  $d_{k,i,0}^t$  are  $k$ -th dimension row vectors,  $D_{k,\epsilon_i} = 0$  if  $k < \epsilon_i + 1$  and  $D_{k,\epsilon_i} \in \mathbb{R}^{(\epsilon_i+1) \times k}$  are the canonical blocks of (5.18) if  $k \geq \epsilon_i + 1$ .  $\square$

The above description of the basis matrix may be translated in terms of the corresponding homogeneous polynomials as follows:

Remark (5.9): Let  $B(s, \hat{s}) = \{\underline{x}_{\epsilon_i}(s, \hat{s}), i \in p, \deg \underline{x}_{\epsilon_i}(s, \hat{s}) = \epsilon_i\}$  be a homogeneous minimal basis of  $N_r\{sF-\hat{s}G\}$  and let  $\underline{x}(s, \hat{s}) \in N_r\{sF-\hat{s}G\}$  be a homogeneous polynomial vector of degree  $k-1$ . Then  $\underline{x}(s, \hat{s})$  may be uniquely expressed as

$$\underline{x}(s, \hat{s}) = \sum_{i: \epsilon_i \leq k-1} \alpha_i(s, \hat{s}) \underline{x}_{\epsilon_i}(s, \hat{s}) \quad (5.47)$$

where  $\alpha_i(s, \hat{s}) \in \mathbb{R}[s, \hat{s}]$  are homogeneous polynomials such that  $\deg\{\alpha_i(s, \hat{s})\} \leq k-1-\epsilon_i$ .  $\square$



Every  $k$ -th right annihilating polynomial vector  $\underline{x}_k(s, \hat{s})$  is generated by a  $k$ -th right annihilating vector  $\underline{z}_k \in N_r^k \{T_k(F, G)\} = N_r^k$ ; thus, the study of the  $\underline{x}_k(s, \hat{s})$  vectors, as well as of the associated right annihilating spaces is intimately related to the study of basis matrices of  $N_r^k$ . Thus, let us assume that  $N_r^k \neq \{0\}$  and that  $N_k \in \mathbb{R}^{kn \times \theta_k}$  be a basis matrix for  $N_r^k$ . Let us partition  $N_k$  as

$$N_k = [\underline{z}_k^1, \underline{z}_k^2, \dots, \underline{z}_k^{\theta_k}] = \begin{bmatrix} \underline{x}_{k-1}^1 & \underline{x}_{k-1}^2 & \dots & \underline{x}_{k-1}^{\theta_k} \\ \underline{x}_{k-2}^1 & \underline{x}_{k-2}^2 & \dots & \underline{x}_{k-2}^{\theta_k} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ \underline{x}_1^1 & \underline{x}_1^2 & \dots & \underline{x}_1^{\theta_k} \\ \underline{x}_0^1 & \underline{x}_0^2 & \dots & \underline{x}_0^{\theta_k} \end{bmatrix} \quad (5.48)$$

and define the set of  $k$ -th order right annihilating polynomials

$$P_k[(s, \hat{s}); N_k] = \{\underline{x}_k^i(s, \hat{s}) : \underline{x}_k^i(s, \hat{s}) = \underline{x}_0^i \hat{s}^{k-1} + \dots + \underline{x}_{k-2}^i s^{k-2} + \underline{x}_{k-1}^i s^{k-1} \in \mathbb{R}^n[s, \hat{s}], i \in \theta_k\}.$$

The set  $P_k[(s, \hat{s}); N_k]$  will be referred to as  $N_k$ -right annihilating set of  $sF - \hat{s}G$ . The  $\mathbb{R}[s]$ -,  $\mathbb{R}[\hat{s}]$ -modules generated by the polynomial vectors of  $P_k[(s, 1); N_k]$  (set  $\hat{s}=1$ ),  $P_k[(1, \hat{s}); N_k]$  (set  $s=1$ ) will be denoted by  $M[N_k]$ ,  $\hat{M}[N_k]$  respectively and shall be referred to as  $\mathbb{R}[s]$ -,  $\mathbb{R}[\hat{s}]$ - $N_k$ -generated modules of  $(F, G)$  respectively. In the following the case of  $M[N_k]$  modules will be considered, and the case of  $\hat{M}[N_k]$  modules is similar.

**Theorem (5.4):** Let  $sF - \hat{s}G \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}[s, \hat{s}]$  be a right singular pencil and let  $\sigma_1$  be the smallest integer for which  $N_r^{\sigma_1} \neq \{0\}$ ,  $\dim N_r^{\sigma_1} = \rho_1$ . Let  $N_{\sigma_1}$  be a basis matrix for  $N_r^{\sigma_1}$ ,  $P_{\sigma_1}[(s, \hat{s}); N_{\sigma_1}]$  be the associated  $N_{\sigma_1}$ -right annihilating set and  $M[N_{\sigma_1}]$ ,  $\hat{M}[N_{\sigma_1}]$  be the corresponding modules. Then,

- (i) The set  $P_{\sigma_1}[(s, \hat{s}); N_{\sigma_1}]$  is a  $\rho_1$ -rank complete set.
- (ii)  $P_{\sigma_1}[(s, 1); N_{\sigma_1}]$ ,  $P_{\sigma_1}[(1, \hat{s}); N_{\sigma_1}]$  are minimal bases for the  $\rho_1$ -rank maximal modules  $M[N_{\sigma_1}]$ ,  $\hat{M}[N_{\sigma_1}]$  respectively.
- (iii) The modules  $M[N_{\sigma_1}]$ ,  $\hat{M}[N_{\sigma_1}]$  are invariants of  $N_r^{\sigma_1}$  and  $sF - \hat{s}G$  has



(5.48)  $\epsilon_1 = \sigma_1 - 1$  as the smallest minimal index with multiplicity  $\rho_1$ .

### Proof

To prove the result, it is sufficient, as well as necessary, to prove it for the  $P_{\sigma_1}[(s, 1); N_{\sigma_1}]$  set. Thus,

(i) Assume that  $\underline{x}_{\sigma_1}^h(s)$  be the first vector that is dependent on the preceding ones in  $P_{\sigma_1}[(s, 1); N_{\sigma_1}] = \{\underline{x}_{\sigma_1}^1(s), \dots, \underline{x}_{\sigma_1}^{h-1}(s), \underline{x}_{\sigma_1}^h(s), \dots\}$ . Given that  $\sigma_1$  is the smallest integer for which  $N_{\sigma_1}^{\sigma_1} \neq \{0\}$ , it follows that  $\underline{x}_{\sigma_1-1}^j \neq 0$  for  $\forall j \in \rho_1$  (otherwise there would exist a smaller than  $\sigma_1$  integer, say  $\sigma'_1$  for which  $N_{\sigma'_1}^{\sigma'_1} \neq \{0\}$ ). Thus all vectors  $\underline{x}_{\sigma_1}^j(s)$  have degree  $\sigma_1 - 1 = \epsilon_1$  and thus we may write

$$\underline{x}_{\sigma_1}^h(s) = \sum_{i=1}^{h-1} \alpha_i \underline{x}_{\sigma_1}^i(s) \quad (5.49a)$$

where  $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{R}$  and not all of them zero. By equating coefficients of equal powers in (5.49a), we have that

$$N_{\sigma_1} \underline{\alpha} = 0, \quad \underline{\alpha} = [-\alpha_1, \dots, -\alpha_{h-1}, 1, 0 \dots 0]^t \quad (5.49b)$$

However,  $N_{\sigma_1}$  has linearly independent columns and thus  $\underline{\alpha} = \underline{0}$ , which contradicts the linear dependence assumption. Therefore  $P_{\sigma_1}[(s, 1); N_{\sigma_1}]$  and hence  $P_{\sigma_1}[(s, \hat{s}); N_{\sigma_1}]$ , is linearly independent, and thus it is a  $\rho_1$ -rank set. By Lemma (5.3) and the minimality of  $\sigma_1$ , it is readily shown that all vectors in  $P_{\sigma_1}[(s, s); N_{\sigma_1}]$  are prime. To prove the completeness we have to show that the set of vectors

$$S_{N_{\sigma_1}} = \{\dots; \underline{x}_0^i, \underline{x}_1^i, \dots, \underline{x}_{\sigma_1-2}^i, \underline{x}_{\sigma_1-1}^i; \dots i \in \rho_1\}$$

is linearly independent. Assume that they are linearly dependent; then there exist  $\alpha_{i,j} \in \mathbb{R}$ , not all of them zero such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\rho_1} \sum_{j=0}^{\sigma_1-1} \alpha_{i,j} \underline{x}_j^i = 0 \quad (5.50a)$$

Given that for  $\forall i \in \rho_1$ , the set  $\{\underline{x}_0^i, \underline{x}_1^i, \dots, \underline{x}_{\sigma_1-1}^i\}$  satisfies conditions

(5.4a), then by multiplying (5.50a) by  $F$  and using (5.4a) we have that a vector  $\underline{z}_1$  may be defined by

$$\underline{z}_1 = \sum_{i=1}^{\rho_1} \sum_{j=1}^{\sigma_1-1} \alpha_{i,j-1} \underline{x}_j^i \quad \text{and} \quad G\underline{z}_1 = 0 \quad (5.50b)$$

By deploying steps similar to those used in the proof of part (ii) of Corollary (5.6), it follows that vectors of the type

$$\underline{z}_k = \sum_{i=1}^{\rho_1} \sum_{j=k}^{\sigma_1-1} \alpha_{i,j-k} \underline{x}_j^i, \quad k=1, \dots, \sigma_1-1 \quad (5.50c)$$

may be defined which satisfy conditions (5.4a) and thus establish the existence of a  $\underline{z}(s) = \underline{z}_1 + s\underline{z}_2 + \dots + s^{\sigma_1-2} \underline{z}_{\sigma_1-1} \in N_r\{sF - \hat{s}G\}$ ; clearly, this violates the minimality assumption for  $\sigma_1$ . Therefore  $S_{N_{\sigma_1}}$  is independent and  $P_{\sigma_1}[(s, \hat{s}); N_{\sigma_1}]$  is a  $\rho_1$ -rank complete set.

(ii) The completeness property of  $P_{\sigma_1}[(s, \hat{s}); N_{\sigma_1}]$  implies that the matrix  $M(s) = [\underline{x}_{\sigma_1}^1(s), \dots, \underline{x}_{\sigma_1}^{\rho_1}(s)]$  has independent columns, no finite zeros and it is column reduced (otherwise the set  $S_{N_{\sigma_1}}$  could be dependent). Therefore  $P_{\sigma_1}[(s, 1); N_{\sigma_1}]$  is a minimal basis for  $M[N_{\sigma_1}]$ . Since  $M[N_{\sigma_1}]$  is generated by a minimal basis, it is clearly maximal.

(iii) To prove that  $M[N_{\sigma_1}]$  is an invariant of  $N_r^{\sigma_1}$  we have to show that it is independent of the particular basis which has been used to define it.

Thus, let  $N'_{\sigma_1}$  be another basis of  $N_r^{\sigma_1}$  and let  $P'_{\sigma_1}[(s, s); N'_{\sigma_1}]$  be the corresponding set. Then  $N'_{\sigma_1} = N_{\sigma_1} T, T \in \mathbb{R}^{\rho_1 \times \rho_1}, |T| \neq 0$  and by partitioning  $N'_{\sigma_1}, N_{\sigma_1}$  as in (5.48), it may be readily shown that

$$\underline{x}_{\sigma_1}^{'i}(s) = \sum_{j=1}^{\rho_1} t_{ji} \underline{x}_{\sigma_1}^j(s) \quad (5.51a)$$

where  $T = [t_{ji}]$ . (5.51a) then yields

$$[\underline{x}_{\sigma_1}^{'1}(s), \dots, \underline{x}_{\sigma_1}^{'i}(s), \dots, \underline{x}_{\sigma_1}^{'\rho_1}(s)] = [\underline{x}_{\sigma_1}^1(s), \dots, \underline{x}_{\sigma_1}^i(s), \dots, \underline{x}_{\sigma_1}^{\rho_1}(s)] T \quad (5.51b)$$

and thus  $M[N_{\sigma_1}] = M[N'_{\sigma_1}]$ . Thus  $M[N_{\sigma_1}]$  is invariant. The rest of the proof is obvious.  $\square$

The modules  $M[N_{\sigma_1}]$ ,  $\hat{M}[N_{\sigma_1}]$  characterise the  $N_r^{\sigma_1}$  space of  $(F, G)$ , shall be denoted simply by  $M_{\sigma_1}$ ,  $\hat{M}_{\sigma_1}$  and shall be referred to as the  $R[s]$ -,  $R[\hat{s}]$ - $\sigma_1$ -right annihilating modules of  $(F, G)$  respectively.

Remark (5.10): Let  $N_{\sigma_1}^i$ ,  $i=1, 2$  be two basis matrices of  $N_r^{\sigma_1}$  and let  $P_{\sigma_1}^i[(s, \hat{s}); N_{\sigma_1}^i]$  be the basis matrices of the associated sets  $P_{\sigma_1}^i[(s, \hat{s}); N_{\sigma_1}^i]$ . If  $N_{\sigma_1}^2 = N_{\sigma_1}^1 T$ ,  $T \in \mathbb{R}^{\rho_1 \times \rho_1}$ ,  $|T| \neq 0$ , then  $P_{\sigma_1}^2[(s, \hat{s}); N_{\sigma_1}^2] = P_{\sigma_1}^1[(s, \hat{s}); N_{\sigma_1}^1] T$  and vice versa. □

A matrix  $N_k \in \mathbb{R}^{kn \times \theta_k}$ , which has been partitioned according to (5.48) will be referred to as naturally partitioned. With the naturally partitioned matrix  $N_k$  we may associate the vector set  $S_{N_k} = \{\dots; \underline{x}_{k-1}^i, \dots, \underline{x}_1^i, \underline{x}_0^i, \dots; i \in \theta_k\}$ ;  $S_{N_k}$  will be referred to as the  $\mathbb{R}^n$ -basis set of  $N_k$  and the subset of  $S_{N_k}$ ,  $S_{N_k}^i = \{\underline{x}_{k-1}^i, \dots, \underline{x}_1^i, \underline{x}_0^i\}$  will be called the  $i$ -th  $\mathbb{R}^n$ -basis subset of  $N_k$ .  $N_k$  will be called prime if for  $\forall i \in \theta_k$ ,  $S_{N_k}^i$  is linearly independent and shall be called complete if  $S_{N_k}$  is linearly independent. Within this terminology, Theorem (5.4) yields:

Remark (5.11): If  $\sigma_1$  is the minimal index for which  $N_r^{\sigma_1} \neq \{0\}$  and  $N_{\sigma_1}$  is a basis matrix for  $N_r^{\sigma_1}$ , then  $N_{\sigma_1}$  may be naturally partitioned and it is a complete matrix.

Note that completeness of  $N_k$  implies primeness, but not vice versa. It is worth pointing out that the arguments used in the proof of Theorem (5.4) are independent from the use of the Kronecker form and thus may provide the basis for the computation of the  $I_c(F, G)$  set as well as the minimal bases of  $N_r\{sF - \hat{s}G\}$  in geometric terms. Before proceeding with this study we define the following:

Let  $\underline{z} = [\underline{x}_{k-1}^t, \dots, \underline{x}_1^t, \underline{x}_0^t]^t \in \mathbb{R}^{kn}$  be a naturally partitioned vector. The matrix defined by

$$T_{k,n}^i(\underline{z}) \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} \underline{x}_{-k-1} & 0 & . & . & . & . & 0 \\ \underline{x}_{-k-2} & \underline{x}_{-k-1} & 0 & . & . & . & . \\ \underline{x}_{-k-3} & \underline{x}_{-k-2} & \underline{x}_{-k-1} & . & . & . & . \\ . & . & . & . & . & 0 & . \\ . & . & . & . & . & \underline{x}_{-k-1} & . \\ . & . & . & . & . & . & . \\ \underline{x}_1 & \underline{x}_2 & \underline{x}_3 & . & . & . & . \\ \underline{x}_0 & \underline{x}_1 & \underline{x}_2 & . & . & . & . \\ 0 & \underline{x}_0 & \underline{x}_1 & . & . & . & . \\ . & 0 & \underline{x}_0 & . & . & . & . \\ . & . & . & . & . & \underline{x}_2 & . \\ . & . & . & . & . & \underline{x}_1 & . \\ 0 & 0 & . & . & . & 0 & \underline{x}_0 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{(kn+i-1) \times i} \quad (5.52a)$$

$i=1,2,\dots$

will be called the i-th Toeplitz matrix of  $\underline{z}$ . If  $N_k = [\underline{z}_1, \dots, \underline{z}_j, \dots, \underline{z}_u] \in \mathbb{R}^{kn \times u}$  is a naturally partitioned matrix, then we define as the i-th Toeplitz matrix of  $N_k$  the matrix

$$\mathbf{T}_{k,n}^i(N_k) \triangleq [\mathbf{T}_{k,n}^i(\underline{z}_1); \dots; \mathbf{T}_{k,n}^i(\underline{z}_j); \dots; \mathbf{T}_{k,n}^i(\underline{z}_\mu)] \in \mathbb{R}^{(kn+i-1) \times \mu i} \quad (5.5 \text{ 2b})$$

It is clear that for  $i=1$ ,  $T_{k,n}^1(N_k)=N_k$  and that for  $\forall i$ ,  $T_{k,n}^i(N_k)$  is naturally partitioned. Note that the definitions given for basis matrix  $N_k$  of  $N_r^k$ , such as the sets  $P_k[(s, \hat{s}); N_k]$  and the modules  $M[N_k], \hat{M}[N_k]$  generated by  $P_k[(s, 1); N_k], P_k[(1, \hat{s}); N_k]$  vector sets respectively, stem from the natural partitioning of  $N_k$  and thus hold true for every naturally partitioned matrix. The only distinguishing feature for the case of basis matrices of  $N_r^k$  is that the vectors of  $P_k[(s, \hat{s}); N_k]$  and the modules  $M[N_k], \hat{M}[N_k]$  possess the right annihilation property for  $sF-\hat{s}G$ . Of special interest here are the basis matrices  $N_k$  of  $N_r^k$ . Some further definitions and properties of naturally partitioned matrices are discussed first.

With an  $N_k \in \mathbb{R}^{kn \times \mu}$  naturally partitioned matrix, we may define the



following subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ :  $\omega^i(N_k) = \text{sp}\{S_{N_k}^i\}$ ,  $\omega(N_k) = \text{sp}\{S_{N_k}\}$ , where  $S_{N_k}^i, S_{N_k}$  are the  $i$ -th  $\mathbb{R}^n$ -basis set and  $\mathbb{R}^n$ -basis set of  $N_k$  correspondingly.  $\omega^i(N_k), \omega(N_k)$  will be referred to as the  $i$ -th supporting space,

supporting space of  $N_k$  respectively. Clearly,  $\omega(N_k) = \sum_{i=1}^{\mu} \omega^i(N_k) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ .

Some useful properties of general, naturally partitioned matrices are discussed next.

**Lemma (5.5):** Let  $N_k \in \mathbb{R}^{kn \times \mu}$  be a naturally partitioned matrix,

$A = \{N'_k : N'_k = N_k T, T \in \mathbb{R}^{\mu \times \mu}, |T| \neq 0\}$ ,  $T_{k,n}^i(N_k)$  be the  $i$ -th Toeplitz matrix of  $N_k$ .

The following properties hold true:

- (i) If  $\omega(N_k)$  is the supporting space of  $N_k$ , then for every  $N'_k \in A$  and every  $i, i=1, 2, \dots$

$$\omega(T_{k,n}^i(N'_k)) = \omega(N_k) \quad (5.5.3)$$

- (ii) If  $M[N_k], \hat{M}[N_k]$  are the  $\mathbb{R}[s]$ -,  $\mathbb{R}[\hat{s}]$ - $N_k$ -generated modules, then for every  $N'_k \in A$  and every  $i, i=1, 2, \dots$

$$M[N_k] = M[T_{k,n}^i(N'_k)] \text{ and } \hat{M}[N_k] = \hat{M}[T_{k,n}^i(N'_k)] \quad (5.5.4)$$

- (iii) If  $N_k$  is complete, then

- (a) Every  $N'_k \in A$  is complete.
- (b)  $\text{rank}[T_{k,n}^i(N_k)] = i\mu$  for all  $i=1, 2, \dots$
- (c) The modules  $M[N_k], \hat{M}[N_k]$  are maximal Noetherian modules.

#### Proof

- (i) The proof readily follows from the definition of  $\omega(N_k)$  and by inspection of the special structure of the Toeplitz matrices and the relationship  $N'_k = N_k T, T \in \mathbb{R}^{\mu \times \mu}, |T| \neq 0$ .

- (ii) The proof of  $M[N_k] = M[N'_k], N'_k \in A$  is identical to that given in part (iii) of the proof of Theorem (5.4). Note that in that proof the arguments used are independent from the completeness property of  $N_{\sigma_1}$ .



To complete the proof we have to show that  $M[N_k] = M[T_{k,n}^i(N_k)]$ . If  $P_k[(s, \hat{s}); N_k] = \{x_j(s, \hat{s}), j \in \mu, \deg x_j(s, \hat{s}) = k\}$  is the  $N_k$ -polynomial set, then  $P_k[(s, 1); N_k] = \{x_j(s), j \in \mu, \deg x_j(s) = k\}$  and  $P_{k+i}[(s, 1); T_{k,n}^i(N_k)] = \{\dots; \{x_j(s), s x_j(s), \dots, s^i x_j(s)\}; \dots, j \in \mu\}$ . By inspection of the above two sets, it is readily seen that  $M[N_k]$  and  $M[T_{k,n}^i(N_k)]$  have the same rank and that every vector in  $M[N_k]$  may be expressed in terms of elements of  $M[T_{k,n}^i(N_k)]$  and vice versa; thus  $M[N_k] = M[T_{k,n}^i(N_k)]$ .

(iii) From the definition of completeness and given that  $N'_k = N_k T$  we have that

$$N'_k = N_k T \iff \begin{bmatrix} X'_{k-1} \\ \vdots \\ X'_1 \\ X'_0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} X_{k-1} \\ \vdots \\ X_1 \\ X_0 \end{bmatrix} T \quad (5.55)$$

Given that  $\dim \text{sp}\{X_j\}_k = \mu$ ,  $\text{sp}\{X'_j\} = \text{sp}\{X_j T\} = \text{sp}\{X_j\}$ ,  $j=0, 1, \dots, k-1$  and that  $\mathcal{W}(N_k) = \bigoplus_{j=0}^k \text{sp}\{X_j\} = \bigoplus_{j=0}^k \text{sp}\{X'_j\}$  with  $\dim \mathcal{W}(N_k) = k\mu$ , part (a) is proved. Part (b) readily follows from the structure of Toeplitz matrices and the completeness of  $N_k$ . The proof of part (c) is identical to that given in the proof of Theorem (5.4). □

Using the above Lemma we may state the following result.

**Corollary (5.7):** Let  $sF - \hat{s}G \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}[s, \hat{s}]$  be a right singular pencil,  $\sigma_1$  be the smallest index for which  $N_r^{\sigma_1} \neq \{0\}$ ,  $\dim N_r^{\sigma_1} = \rho_1$ ,  $N_{\sigma_1} \in \mathbb{R}^{\sigma_1 \times \rho_1}$  be a basis matrix for  $N_r^{\sigma_1}$  and let  $\dim N_r^k = \theta_k$ . The following properties hold true:

- (i) For all indices  $k$ :  $k = \sigma_1 - 1 + i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots$ , then  $\theta_k \geq \rho_1(k - \sigma_1 + 1)$ .
- (ii) If  $\sigma_2$  is the minimal of the indices  $k$ :  $k = \sigma_1 + i - 1$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots$  for which  $\theta_k > \rho_1(k - \sigma_1 + 1)$ , then the Toeplitz matrices  $T_{\sigma_1, n}^i(N_{\sigma_1}) \in \mathbb{R}^{(\sigma_1 + i - 1) \times \rho_1}$ ,  $i \in \underbrace{\sigma_2 - \sigma_1}_{\text{range}}$  are basis matrices for  $N_r^k$ ,  $k = \sigma_1, \sigma_1 + 1, \dots, \sigma_2 - 1$ .
- (iii) For all indices  $k$ :  $k = \sigma_1 - 1 + i$ ,  $i = \sigma_2 - \sigma_1 + j$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots$ , the basis matrices  $N_k$  of  $N_r^k$  may be expressed as  $N_k = [T_{\sigma_1, n}^i(N_{\sigma_1}); P_j]$ , where  $P_j$  is an

appropriate matrix and  $T_{\sigma_1, n}^i(N_{\sigma_1})$  is the corresponding Toeplitz matrix.

### Proof

For  $k=\sigma_1$ ,  $N_{\sigma_1}$  is a basis matrix and by Remark (5.11) is complete. By Lemma (5.5), part (iii)(b),  $T_{\sigma_1, n}^i(N_{\sigma_1})$  has full rank for  $\forall i, i=1, 2, \dots$ ; it is readily verified that for  $\forall k: k=\sigma_1-1+i$  the columns of  $T_{\sigma_1, n}^i(N_{\sigma_1})$  are in  $N_r^k$  and thus  $\theta_k \geq \rho_1(k-\sigma_1+1) = \rho_1 i = \#$  columns of  $T_{\sigma_1, n}^i(N_{\sigma_1})$ . For all indices  $k$  for which  $\theta_k = \rho_1(k-\sigma_1+1) = \rho_1 i$ , the matrices  $T_{\sigma_1, n}^i(N_{\sigma_1})$  are basis matrices for  $N_r^k$  and this completes the proof of parts (i) and (ii). From the above arguments it follows that for all indices  $k: k=\sigma_1-1+i, i=\sigma_2-\sigma_1+j, j=1, 2, \dots$ , the columns of  $T_{\sigma_1, n}^i(N_{\sigma_1})$  are linearly independent vectors in  $N_r^k$ , but since  $\theta_k > \rho_1(k-\sigma_1+1) = \rho_1 i$ , they do not span  $N_r^k$  any more. Therefore, starting from  $T_{\sigma_1, n}^i(N_{\sigma_1})$  we may always expand it to a basis matrix of  $N_r^k$  by finding a matrix  $P_j$ , whose columns are in  $N_r^k$  and they are independent from the columns of  $T_{\sigma_1, n}^i(N_{\sigma_1})$ ; this completes the proof.  $\square$

The above result suggests a procedure for computing basis matrices for  $N_r^k$  with the minimal amount of effort; that is by computing basis matrices for those spaces  $N_r^k$ , which correspond to the singular indices of the RPAPS, and then by expanding them using the appropriate Toeplitz matrices. This technique is discussed next, and the suggested procedure leads to a geometric definition of minimal bases. We first state the following result.

Proposition (5.13): Let  $sF - \hat{s}G \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}[s, s]$  be a right singular pencil,  $N_r^k$  be the  $k$ -th right characteristic space,  $\theta_k = \dim N_r^k$ , and let  $N_k$  be a basis matrix for  $N_r^k$ . Let us further assume that  $(\sigma_i, \rho_i)$  be the ordered pairs of integers defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_1 &= \min\{k: N_r^k \neq \{0\}\}, \quad \rho_1 = \dim N_r^{\sigma_1} \\ \sigma_i &= \min\{k: \theta_k > \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \rho_j(k - \sigma_j + 1)\}, \quad \rho_i = \theta_{\sigma_i} - \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \rho_j(\sigma_i - \sigma_j + 1) \end{aligned} \quad (5.56)$$

For every integer  $\sigma_i$ , there exists a family of naturally partitioned basis matrices  $N_{\sigma_i}$  of  $N_r^{\sigma_i}$ ,  $N_{\sigma_i} = [\hat{N}_{\sigma_i}, \tilde{N}_{\sigma_i}] \in \mathbb{R}^{n\sigma_i \times \theta\sigma_i}$ , where  $\tilde{N}_{\sigma_i} \in \mathbb{R}^{n\sigma_i \times \rho_i}$  and complete,  $W(\hat{N}_{\sigma_i})$  is the maximal space spanned by all right-annihilating spaces, generated by right annihilating polynomials of maximal degree  $\sigma_i - 2$  and  $W(\hat{N}_{\sigma_i}) \cap W(\tilde{N}_{\sigma_i}) = \{0\}$ .

### Proof

The result will be proved by induction. For  $i=1$ ,  $N_{\sigma_1}$  is a naturally partitioned and complete matrix (see Remark (5.11) and Theorem (5.4)). By Corollary (5.7), it follows that  $N_{\sigma_2-1} = T_{\sigma_1, n}^{\sigma_2-1}(N_{\sigma_1})$  and that  $N_{\sigma_2} = [T_{\sigma_1, n}^{\sigma_2-1+1}(N_{\sigma_1}); P_1]$ . Clearly  $T_{\sigma_1, n}^{\sigma_2-1+1}(N_{\sigma_1})$  has full rank and the problem is reduced to proving that  $P_1$  may be chosen to be a complete matrix.

Consider  $N_{\sigma_1}$ , naturally partitioned as in (5.48) and define the matrices  $B_{\sigma_1}, \tilde{B}_{\sigma_1}$  by

$$B_{\sigma_1} = [\underline{x}_0^1, \underline{x}_1^1, \dots, \underline{x}_{\sigma_1-1}^1; \dots; \underline{x}_0^{\rho_1}, \underline{x}_1^{\rho_1}, \dots, \underline{x}_{\sigma_1-1}^{\rho_1}] \quad (5.57a)$$

$$\tilde{B}_{\sigma_1} = [G\underline{x}_0^1, \dots, G\underline{x}_{\sigma_1-1}^1; \dots; G\underline{x}_0^{\rho_1}, \dots, G\underline{x}_{\sigma_1-1}^{\rho_1}] \quad (5.57b)$$

By Theorem (5.4) it follows that the vectors of  $P_{\sigma_1}[(s, \hat{s}); N_{\sigma_1}]$  is the subset of the vectors of a minimal basis of  $N_r\{sF - \hat{s}G\}$  which corresponds to all c.m.i. with value  $\sigma_1 - 1$ ; thus, by Corollary (5.6)  $\tilde{B}_{\sigma_1}$  has full rank. We may now define the matrices  $Q = [B_{\sigma_1}, B'] \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $R = [\tilde{B}_{\sigma_1}, B''] \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ ,  $|Q|, |Q| \neq 0$ , where  $B', B''$  are suitable matrices. Using similar arguments to those of Proposition (5.11), it may be readily established that

$R^{-1}(sF - \hat{s}G)Q = s\tilde{F} - \hat{s}\tilde{G}$ , where  $s\tilde{F} - \hat{s}\tilde{G}$  has the form

$$s\tilde{F} - \hat{s}\tilde{G} = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} L_{\varepsilon_1, \rho_1}(s, \hat{s}) & sC' - \hat{s}D' \\ \hline 0 & sF' - \hat{s}G' \end{array} \right] \quad (5.58a)$$

←  $\rho_1$  blocks →

where  $L_{\varepsilon_1, \rho_1}(s, \hat{s}) = \text{block-diag}\{L_{\varepsilon_1}(s, \hat{s}), \dots, L_{\varepsilon_1}(s, \hat{s})\}$ ,  $\varepsilon_1 = \sigma_1 - 1$  and

$N_r\{sF'; sG'\}$  has no vector in it with homogeneous degree less than  $\sigma_1$  (this result is a trivial extension of the result stated in [Gant. - 1] (Vol.2, pp33-34)); furthermore, the matrices  $B', B''$  may be suitably chosen such that

$$s\tilde{F} - \hat{s}\tilde{G} = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} L_{\varepsilon_1, \rho_1}(s, \hat{s}) & 0 \\ \hline 0 & sF' - \hat{s}G' \end{array} \right] \quad (5.58b)$$

Using the special  $(R, Q)$  pair for which  $s\tilde{F} - \hat{s}\tilde{G}$  is given by (5.58b), it follows that  $N_r^{\sigma_2}(\tilde{F}, \tilde{G})$  may be expressed as a direct sum of the null spaces  $N_r^{\sigma_2}(L_{\varepsilon_1, \rho_1}, \hat{L}_{\varepsilon_1, \rho_1})$  and  $N_r^{\sigma_2}(F', G')$ , where  $L_{\varepsilon_1, \rho_1}(s, \hat{s}) = sL_{\varepsilon_1, \rho_1} - \hat{s}\hat{L}_{\varepsilon_1, \rho_1}$ . Let  $U_{\sigma_2}$  be the representation of the basis matrix  $T_{\sigma_1, n}^{\sigma_2 - \sigma_1 + 1}(N_{\sigma_1})$ , when it is restricted to the  $L_{\varepsilon_1, \rho_1}(s, \hat{s})$  subpencil and  $W_{\sigma_2}$  be any basis matrix of  $N_r^{\sigma_2}(F', G')$ . We may partition  $U_{\sigma_2}, W_{\sigma_2}$  as

$$U_{\sigma_2} = \left[ \begin{array}{c} U'_{\sigma_2-1} \\ \hline U'_{\sigma_2-2} \\ \vdots \\ \hline U'_0 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \rho_1 \sigma_1 \\ \downarrow \rho_1 \sigma_1 \\ \downarrow \rho_1 \sigma_1 \\ \vdots \\ \downarrow \rho_1 \sigma_1 \end{array}, \quad W_{\sigma_2} = \left[ \begin{array}{c} W'_{\sigma_2-1} \\ \hline W'_{\sigma_2-2} \\ \vdots \\ \hline W'_0 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{c} \uparrow n - \rho_1 \sigma_1 \\ \downarrow n - \rho_1 \sigma_1 \\ \downarrow n - \rho_1 \sigma_1 \\ \vdots \\ \downarrow n - \rho_1 \sigma_1 \end{array} \quad (5.59a)$$

Then, a basis matrix for  $N_r^{\sigma_2}(\tilde{F}, \tilde{G})$  is defined by

$$Z_{\sigma_2} = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} U'_{\sigma_2-1} & 0 \\ \hline 0 & W'_{\sigma_2-1} \\ \hline \vdots & \vdots \\ \hline U'_0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & W'_0 \end{array} \right] = [\tilde{U}_{\sigma_2}, \tilde{W}_{\sigma_2}] \quad (5.59b)$$

By Theorem (5.4) and Remark (5.11),  $W_{\sigma_2}$  is naturally partitioned and complete matrix and thus  $\tilde{W}_{\sigma_2}$  is also naturally partitioned and complete matrix. By translating the expression for  $Z_{\sigma_2}$  back to our original frame, we have that if  $\langle Q \rangle = \text{diag}\{\underbrace{Q, \dots, Q}_{\sigma_2}\}$ , then



$$N_{\sigma_2} = [T_{\sigma_1, n}^{\sigma_2 - \sigma_1 + 1}(N_{\sigma_1}); P_1] = \langle Q \rangle Z_{\sigma_2} = [\langle Q \rangle \tilde{U}_{\sigma_2}, \langle Q \rangle \tilde{W}_{\sigma_2}] = [\hat{N}_{\sigma_2}, \tilde{N}_{\sigma_2}] \quad (5.59c)$$

Clearly  $N_{\sigma_2}$  is a basis matrix for  $N_r^{\sigma_2}$  and  $\tilde{N}_{\sigma_2} \in \mathbb{R}^{\sigma_2 n \times \rho_2}$  and has full rank. The matrix  $\tilde{N}_{\sigma_2}$  is complete since the columns of

$$P_{\sigma_2} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \hline W'_{\sigma_2-1} \cdots W'_0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (5.59d)$$

are linearly independent (completeness of  $\tilde{W}_{\sigma_2}$ ), and thus also the columns of  $QP_{\sigma_2}$  are linearly independent. By Lemma (5.5),  $W(\hat{N}_{\sigma_2}) = W(N_{\sigma_1})$  and it is clearly the maximal space spanned by the supporting subspaces of all right annihilating polynomials of maximal degree  $\sigma_2 - 2$ . Finally, for the matrix

$$Q \begin{bmatrix} U'_{\sigma_2-1} \cdots U'_0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & W'_{\sigma_2-1} \cdots W'_0 \end{bmatrix} = Q \begin{bmatrix} P_{\sigma_2} & R_{\sigma_2} \end{bmatrix} \quad (5.59e)$$

there are no nonzero vectors  $\underline{\alpha}, \underline{\beta}$  for which  $P_{\sigma_2} \underline{\alpha} + R_{\sigma_2} \underline{\beta} = 0$ ; therefore  $W(\hat{N}_{\sigma_2}) \cap W(\tilde{N}_{\sigma_2}) = \{0\}$  and for the step  $i=2$  the result is established. The generalization for any arbitrary index is identical. The arbitrariness of the basis matrices  $W_{\sigma_i}$  implies the existence of a family.  $\square$

The set of ordered pairs of integers  $K_r(F, G) = \{(\sigma_i, \rho_i) : \sigma_1 < \dots < \sigma_i < \dots\}$  defined by (5.56) will be called the right set of singularity of  $(F, G)$  and every index  $\sigma_i$  will be referred to as a right singular index of  $(F, G)$ . A useful remark that readily follows from the proof of the above result (expression (5.59e) etc.) is stated next.

Remark (5.12): Let  $N_{\sigma_i} = [\hat{N}_{\sigma_i}, \tilde{N}_{\sigma_i}] \in \mathbb{R}^{n \sigma_i \times \sigma_i}$  be a basis matrix for  $N_r^{\sigma_i}$  which satisfies the properties of Proposition (5.13). Every other basis matrix  $N'_{\sigma_i}$  of  $N_r^{\sigma_i}$  which is related to  $N_{\sigma_i}$  by

$$N'_{\sigma_i} = [\hat{N}'_{\sigma_i}, \tilde{N}'_{\sigma_i}] = N_{\sigma_i} H = [\hat{N}_{\sigma_i}, \tilde{N}_{\sigma_i}] \begin{bmatrix} H_1 & H_2 \\ 0 & H_3 \end{bmatrix}$$



where  $H \in \mathbb{R}^{\theta_{\sigma_1} \times \theta_{\sigma_1}}$ ,  $|H| \neq 0$ , has also the properties of the bases defined by Proposition (5.13). □

In the following we investigate the relationship between the sets  $K_r(F, G)$  and  $I_c(F, G)$ .

Proposition (5.14): Let  $K_r(F, G) = \{(\sigma_i, \rho_i), i=1, 2, \dots\}$  and  $I_c(F, G) = \{(\epsilon_i, \rho_i!), i \in \mu\}$  be the right set of singularity and the c.m.i. sets respectively of a right singular pencil. Then  $K_r(F, G)$  is finite and its cardinality is  $\mu$ ; furthermore, for  $\forall i \in \mu$ ,  $\rho_i = \rho_i!$  and  $\sigma_i = \epsilon_i + 1$ .

Proof

The proof of the result readily follows by Theorem (5.2) and Proposition (5.6). An alternative proof to this result will be also given at the end of this section. □

Systematic Procedure for the computation of  $K_r(F, G)$

The right set of singularity has been defined in Proposition (5.13) and by Proposition (5.14), it is related to  $I_c(F, G)$  in a simple manner and thus may be used for the computation of  $I_c(F, G)$ . The systematic procedure adopted for the computation of  $K_r(F, G)$  is described below:

- (i) Define the set of indices  $I_1 = \{k: N_r^k \neq \{0\}, k \in \tilde{\sigma}, \text{ where } \tilde{\sigma} = m+1, \text{ if } m < n \text{ and } \tilde{\sigma} = n \text{ if } m \geq n\}$ .
  - (a) If  $I_1 = \emptyset$ , then  $K_r(F, G) = \emptyset$  and  $sF - \hat{s}G$  is not right singular.
  - (b) If  $I_1 \neq \emptyset$ , find  $\sigma_1 = \min I_1$  and define  $\rho_1 = \dim N_r^{\sigma_1} = \theta_{\sigma_1}$ . Define the number  $\pi_{\sigma_1} \triangleq n - \rho_1 - \sigma_1$ .
  - (c) If  $\pi_{\sigma_1} \leq 0$ , then  $\mu = 1$  and  $K_r(F, G) = \{(\sigma_1, \rho_1)\}$ .
  - (d) If  $\pi_{\sigma_1} > 0$ , continue to the following step.
- (ii) Define the set of indices  $I_2 = \{k: \theta_k > \rho_1(k - \sigma_1 + 1), k = \sigma_1 + i, i \in \pi_{\sigma_1}\}$ .
  - (a) If  $I_2 = \emptyset$ , then  $\mu = 1$  and  $K_r(F, G) = \{(\sigma_1, \rho_1)\}$ .
  - (b) If  $I_2 \neq \emptyset$ , find  $\sigma_2 = \min I_2$  and define  $\rho_2 = \theta_{\sigma_2} - \rho_1(\sigma_2 - \sigma_1 + 1)$ .

Define the number  $\pi_{\sigma_2} \stackrel{\Delta}{=} n - \rho_1 \sigma_1 - \rho_2 \sigma_2 - \sigma_2$ .

(c) If  $\pi_{\sigma_2} \leq 0$ , then  $\mu=2$  and  $K_r(F,G) = \{(\sigma_1, \rho_1), (\sigma_2, \rho_2)\}$ .

(d) If  $\pi_{\sigma_2} > 0$ , continue to the following step.

(iii) Assume that from the previous steps the subset  $K_r^i(F,G) = \{(\rho_1, \sigma_1), \dots, (\rho_i, \sigma_i)\}$  of  $K_r(F,G)$  has been defined as well as the number  $\pi_{\sigma_i} \stackrel{\Delta}{=} n - \sum_{j=1}^i \rho_j \sigma_j - \sigma_i$  and that  $\pi_{\sigma_i} > 0$ , otherwise the procedure could have terminated. Define the set of indices  $I_{i+1} = \{k:$

$$\theta_k > \sum_{j=1}^i \rho_j (k - \sigma_j + 1), k = \sigma_i + p, p \in \pi_{\sigma_i}\}.$$

(a) If  $I_{i+1} = \emptyset$ , then  $\mu=i$  and  $K_r^i(F,G) = K_r(F,G)$ .

(b) If  $I_{i+1} \neq \emptyset$ , find  $\sigma_{i+1} = \min I_{i+1}$  and define the numbers

$$\rho_{i+1} = \theta_{\sigma_{i+1}} - \sum_{j=1}^i \rho_j (\sigma_{i+1} - \sigma_j + 1) \text{ and } \pi_{\sigma_{i+1}} \stackrel{\Delta}{=} n - \sum_{j=1}^{i+1} \rho_j \sigma_j - \sigma_{i+1}.$$

(c) If  $\pi_{\sigma_{i+1}} \leq 0$ , then  $\mu=i+1$  and  $K_r(F,G) = \{(\sigma_j, \rho_j), j=1, \dots, i+1\}$ .

(d) If  $\pi_{\sigma_{i+1}} > 0$ , continue to the following step.

Note that  $\pi_{\sigma_j} > \pi_{\sigma_{j+1}}$  and thus the procedure terminates either when for some  $\tau$ ,  $\pi_{\sigma_\tau} \leq 0$ , or when  $I_{\tau+1} = \emptyset$ . Having found the set

$$K_r(F,G) = \{(\sigma_i, \rho_i), i \in \mu\}, \text{ then } I_c(F,G) = \{(\sigma_i - 1, \rho_i), i \in \mu\}. \text{ Finally,}$$

note that  $\sigma_\mu$  is the right index of  $(F,G)$ . □

Proposition (5.13) has established the existence of basis matrices  $N_{\sigma_i} = [\hat{N}_{\sigma_i}, \tilde{N}_{\sigma_i}] \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times \sigma_i}$  for  $N_r^{\sigma_i}$  for  $\forall \sigma_i$  singular index; such matrices are characterised by the properties: (1) they are naturally partitioned, (2)  $W(\hat{N}_{\sigma_i})$  is the maximal space spanned by all right annihilating spaces generated by vectors of maximal degree of  $\sigma_i - 2$ , (3)  $\tilde{N}_{\sigma_i}$  is complete and (4)  $W(\hat{N}_{\sigma_i}) \cap W(\tilde{N}_{\sigma_i}) = \{0\}$ . A basis matrix of  $N_r^{\sigma_i}$ , where  $\sigma_i$  is a singular index, which satisfies the above four properties will be called  $\sigma_i$ -regular basis matrix of  $N_r^{\sigma_i}$  and the submatrix  $\tilde{N}_{\sigma_i} \in \mathbb{R}^{\sigma_i \times \rho_i}$  will be referred to as a  $(\sigma_i, \rho_i)$ -regular basis complement of  $N_r^{\sigma_i}$ . The  $\sigma_i$ -regular basis matrices provide the means for the computation of minimal bases of  $N_r\{sF - \hat{s}G\}$  and they also reveal a number of important properties

of  $N_r$  sF- $\hat{s}G$  as it is shown next. A useful family of basis matrices of the  $N_r^k$  subspaces is considered first.

**Proposition (5.15):** Let  $sF-\hat{s}G \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}[s, \hat{s}]$  be a right singular pencil,  $K(F, G) = \{(\sigma_i, \rho_i), i \in \mu; \sigma_1 < \dots < \sigma_\mu\}$  be the right set of singularity and let  $T_{\tau, n}^i(A_\tau)$  denote the  $i$ -th Toeplitz matrix of the naturally partitioned matrix  $A_\tau \in \mathbb{R}^{\tau n \times p}$ . For all  $k \geq \sigma_1$ , there exist families of basis matrices  $\{N_k^*: k \geq \sigma_1\}$  for the sequence of subspaces  $\{N_r^k: k \geq \sigma_1\}$  which are defined as follows:

- (i) For every  $k: \sigma_1 \leq k < \sigma_2$ ,  $N_k^* = [T_{\sigma_1, n}^{k-\sigma_1+1}(\tilde{N}_{\sigma_1})]$ , where  $\tilde{N}_{\sigma_1} = N_{\sigma_1}^* = T_{\sigma_1, n}^1(\tilde{N}_{\sigma_1})$  is an arbitrary basis matrix of  $N_r^{\sigma_1}$ .
- (ii) For every  $k: \sigma_i \leq k < \sigma_{i+1}$ ,  $i \geq 2$ ,  $N_k^* = [T_{\sigma_1, n}^{k-\sigma_1+1}(\tilde{N}_{\sigma_1}); \dots; T_{\sigma_i, n}^{k-\sigma_i+1}(\tilde{N}_{\sigma_i})]$ , where  $\tilde{N}_{\sigma_i} = T_{\sigma_i, n}^1(\tilde{N}_{\sigma_i}) \in \mathbb{R}^{\sigma_i n \times \rho_i}$  is a basis matrix for any arbitrary subspace  $V_{\sigma_i}$  for which  $N_r^{\sigma_i} = V_{\sigma_i} \oplus \text{col-sp}[T_{\sigma_1, n}^{\sigma_i-\sigma_1+1}(\tilde{N}_{\sigma_1}); \dots; T_{\sigma_{i-1}, n}^{\sigma_i-\sigma_{i-1}+1}(\tilde{N}_{\sigma_{i-1}})]$ .
- (iii) For every  $k: k \geq \sigma_\mu$ ,  $N_k^* = [T_{\sigma_1, n}^{k-\sigma_1+1}(\tilde{N}_{\sigma_1}); \dots; T_{\sigma_\mu, n}^{k-\sigma_\mu+1}(\tilde{N}_{\sigma_\mu})]$ , where  $\tilde{N}_{\sigma_\mu} = T_{\sigma_\mu, n}^1(\tilde{N}_{\sigma_\mu}) \in \mathbb{R}^{\sigma_\mu n \times \rho_\mu}$  is a basis matrix for any arbitrary subspace  $V_{\sigma_\mu}$  for which  $N_r^{\sigma_\mu} = V_{\sigma_\mu} \oplus \text{col-sp}[T_{\sigma_1, n}^{\sigma_\mu-\sigma_1+1}(\tilde{N}_{\sigma_1}); \dots; T_{\sigma_{\mu-1}, n}^{\sigma_\mu-\sigma_{\mu-1}+1}(\tilde{N}_{\sigma_{\mu-1}})]$ .

### Proof

(i) By Remark (5.11), any basis matrix, say  $\tilde{N}_{\sigma_1}$  of  $N_r^{\sigma_1}$  is complete and by the part (ii) of Corollary (5.7) this part of the result is established.

(ii) From part (i) it follows that  $N_{\sigma_2-1}^* = T_{\sigma_1, n}^{\sigma_2-\sigma_1+1}(\tilde{N}_{\sigma_1})$  is a basis of  $N_r^{\sigma_2-1}$ . The column vectors of  $\hat{N}_{\sigma_2}^* = T_{\sigma_1, n}^{\sigma_2-\sigma_1+1}(\tilde{N}_{\sigma_1})$  are in  $N_r^{\sigma_2}$  and they are linearly independent; furthermore,  $Z_{\sigma_2}^* = \text{col-sp}\{\hat{N}_{\sigma_2}^*\}$  is a proper subspace of  $N_r^{\sigma_2}$  and thus there always exist nontrivial subspaces  $V_{\sigma_2}^*$  such that  $N_r^{\sigma_2} = Z_{\sigma_2}^* \oplus V_{\sigma_2}^*$ . Let  $\tilde{N}_{\sigma_2}^*$  be a basis matrix for  $V_{\sigma_2}^*$ , then  $N_{\sigma_2}^* = [\hat{N}_{\sigma_2}^*, \tilde{N}_{\sigma_2}^*]$  is clearly a basis matrix for  $N_r^{\sigma_2}$ . We shall prove that  $N_{\sigma_2}^*$  is a  $\sigma_2$ -regular basis matrix.

By Proposition (5.13), there exists a  $\sigma_2$ -regular basis matrix  $N_{\sigma_2} = [\hat{N}_{\sigma_2}, \tilde{N}_{\sigma_2}]$  of  $N_r^{\sigma_2}$ . Thus, there exists an  $M \in \mathbb{R}^{\theta_{\sigma_2} \times \theta_{\sigma_2}}$ ,  $|M| \neq 0$  such that

$$N_{\sigma_2}^* = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{N}_{\sigma_2}^* & \tilde{N}_{\sigma_2}^* \end{bmatrix} = N_{\sigma_2} M = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{N}_{\sigma_2} & \tilde{N}_{\sigma_2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} M_1 & M_2 \\ M_3 & M_4 \end{bmatrix} \quad (5.60a)$$

By the construction of the  $\sigma_2$ -regular basis matrix  $N_{\sigma_2}$  (eqns. (5.59a)-(5.59c)) and Lemma (5.5) it follows that  $\text{col-sp}\{\hat{N}_{\sigma_2}^*\} = \text{col-sp}\{\hat{N}_{\sigma_2}\}$  and thus by (5.60a) it is readily seen that  $M_3=0$  (otherwise some columns of  $\tilde{N}_{\sigma_2}$  could have been linearly dependent on the columns of  $\hat{N}_{\sigma_2}$ ). Since  $M_3=0$ , then by (5.60a) we have

$$N_{\sigma_2}^* = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{N}_{\sigma_2}^* & \tilde{N}_{\sigma_2}^* \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{N}_{\sigma_2} & \tilde{N}_{\sigma_2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} M_1 & M_2 \\ 0 & M_4 \end{bmatrix} \quad (5.60b)$$

By Remark (5.12),  $N_{\sigma_2}^*$  belongs to the family of  $\sigma_2$ -regular basis matrices of  $N_r^{\sigma_2}$  and thus  $\tilde{N}_{\sigma_2}^*$  is a  $(\sigma_2, \rho_2)$ -regular basis complement of  $N_r^{\sigma_2}$ . By Lemma (5.5),  $T_{\sigma_2, n}^{k-\sigma_2+1}(\tilde{N}_{\sigma_2}^*)$  has full rank for  $\forall k \geq \sigma_2$  and its columns are in  $N_r^k$ . From the previous step,  $T_{\sigma_1, n}^{k-\sigma_1+1}(\tilde{N}_{\sigma_1})$  has full rank for  $\forall k \geq \sigma_1$  (Lemma (5.5)), and its columns are also in  $N_r^k$ . The columns of

$$N_k^* = \begin{bmatrix} T_{\sigma_1, n}^{k-\sigma_1+1}(\tilde{N}_{\sigma_1}); T_{\sigma_2, n}^{k-\sigma_2+1}(\tilde{N}_{\sigma_2}^*) \end{bmatrix} \quad (5.60c)$$

are thus in  $N_r^k$  for  $\forall k \geq \sigma_2$  and they are linearly independent; in fact, if we assume dependence of the columns of (5.60c) matrix, then it is readily shown that  $W(T_{\sigma_1, n}^{k-\sigma_1+1}(\tilde{N}_{\sigma_1})) \cap W(T_{\sigma_2, n}^{k-\sigma_2+1}(\tilde{N}_{\sigma_2}^*)) \neq \{0\}$  which in turn implies that  $W(\tilde{N}_{\sigma_1}) \cap W(\tilde{N}_{\sigma_2}^*) \neq \{0\}$  and thus violates the  $(\sigma_2, \rho_2)$ -regular basis complement nature of  $\tilde{N}_{\sigma_2}$ . Thus,  $\text{rank}(N_k^*) = \rho_1(k-\sigma_1+1) + \rho_2(k-\sigma_2+1) = \dim N_r^k$  for  $\forall k: \sigma_2 \leq k < \sigma_3$  and the  $N_k^*$ , defined by (5.60c), is a basis matrix for  $N_r^k$ . By induction (the rest of the steps are similar) the proof of the result is readily completed.  $\square$

Every family  $\{N_k^*: k \geq \sigma_1\}$  of basis matrices for the sequence of subspaces  $S_r(F, G) = \{N_r^k: k \geq \sigma_1\}$ , constructed as in Proposition (5.15) will be called a complete family. By the construction procedure, it is clear that a complete family is uniquely defined, as long as the set of basis matrices



$\{\tilde{N}_{\sigma_i}, i \in \mu\}$ , for the set of subspaces  $G = \{V_{\sigma_i} : i \in \mu, V_{\sigma_1} = N_r^{\sigma_1}\}$  has been defined. The set of subspaces  $G$  will be referred to as a set of generating subspaces of  $S_r(F, G)$  and every set of basis matrices of  $G$ ,  $A_G = \{\tilde{N}_{\sigma_i}, i \in \mu\}$  will be called the set of generators of the complete family  $B(A_G) = \{N_k^* : k \geq \sigma_1\}$ . Note that the elements of  $G$  (apart from  $V_{\sigma_1}$ ) are not uniquely defined; and the family of all sets of generating subspaces of  $(F, G)$  will be denoted by  $\langle (F, G)_r \rangle$ . For every  $G \in \langle (F, G)_r \rangle$ , there exists a family of  $A_G$  sets of generators which shall be denoted by  $\langle A_G \rangle$ . If  $\{N_k : k \geq \sigma_1\}$  is a sequence of basis matrices for the elements of  $S_r(F, G)$  (clearly, such a sequence is not uniquely defined), then for  $\forall N_i \in \{N_k : k \geq \sigma_1\}$  we shall denote by  $P[(s, \hat{s}); N_i]$  the  $N_k$ -right annihilating set, by  $M[N_i], \hat{M}[N_i]$  the corresponding  $R[s]-, R[\hat{s}]-N_i$ -generated modules and by  $W(N_i)$  the supporting subspace of  $N_i$ . The main result of this section is stated below.

Theorem (5.5): Let  $sF - \hat{s}G \in R^{m \times n}[s, \hat{s}]$  be a right singular pencil and let  $K(F, G) = \{(\sigma_i, \rho_i), i \in \mu : \sigma_1 < \dots < \sigma_\mu\}$  be the right set of singularity,  $B(A_G) = \{N_k^* : k \geq \sigma_1\}$  be a complete family of basis matrices of  $S_r(F, G)$ , corresponding to a set of generators  $A_G = \{\tilde{N}_{\sigma_i}, i \in \mu\}$  and let  $B = \{N_k : k \geq \sigma_1\}$  be a general family of basis matrices of  $S_r(F, G)$ . Then,

- (i) For every singular index  $\sigma_i$ , the matrix  $N_{\sigma_i}^* \in B(A_G)$  is a  $\sigma_i$ -regular basis matrix of  $N_r^{\sigma_i}$  and  $\tilde{N}_{\sigma_i} \in A_G$  is a  $(\sigma_i, \rho_i)$ -regular basis complement of  $N_r^{\sigma_i}$ . Furthermore, for any set  $A_G$ , the corresponding set of supporting subspaces  $W(A_G) = \{W(\tilde{N}_{\sigma_i}), i \in \mu\}$  is linearly independent.
- (ii) Let  $\Omega_k = \{\sigma_t, t \in \nu : \sigma_t \in \{\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_\mu\} \text{ and } \sigma_t \leq k\}$ . For any basis matrix  $N_k$  of  $N_r^k$ , the supporting subspace  $W(N_k)$  is an invariant of  $N_r^k$  and it may be expressed as

$$W(N_k) = W(\tilde{N}_{\sigma_1}) \oplus \dots \oplus W(\tilde{N}_{\sigma_\nu}) \quad (5.61)$$

(iii) For every set of generators  $A_G$ , then

(a) The set of homogeneous binary polynomials

$P(A_G) = \{P_{\sigma_i}[(s, \hat{s}): \tilde{N}_{\sigma_i}], i \in \mu\}$  is complete and of rank  $\rho = \sum_{i=1}^{\mu} \rho_i$ .

(b) For every singular index  $\sigma_i$  the  $\mathbb{R}[s]$ -module  $M[\tilde{N}_{\sigma_i}]$  has rank  $\rho_i$ , it is maximal Noetherian and the vectors of

$P_{\sigma_i}[(s, 1): \tilde{N}_{\sigma_i}]$  define a minimal basis for  $M[\tilde{N}_{\sigma_i}]$ . Furthermore,

the set of  $\mathbb{R}[s]$ -modules defined by  $M[A_G] = \{M[\tilde{N}_{\sigma_i}], i \in \mu\}$  is

linearly independent.

(iv) Let  $\Omega_k = \{\sigma_t, t \in \nu: \sigma_t \in \{\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_\mu\} \text{ and } \sigma_t \leq k\}$ . For any basis matrix

$N_k$  of  $N_r^k$ , the  $\mathbb{R}[s]$ -module  $M[N_k]$  is an invariant of  $N_r^k$ , it is maximal Noetherian of  $\sum_{t=1}^{\nu} \rho_i$  rank and it may be expressed as

$$M[N_k] = M[N_{\sigma_1}] \oplus \dots \oplus M[N_{\sigma_\nu}] \quad (5.62)$$

### Proof

(i) The proof that for  $\forall \sigma_i$ , the matrix  $N_{\sigma_i}^*$  is a  $\sigma_i$ -regular matrix of  $N_r^{\sigma_i}$  is explicitly stated as part of the proof of Proposition (5.15). By construction,  $N_{\sigma_i}^*$  is expressed as

$$N_{\sigma_i}^* = \begin{bmatrix} T_{\sigma_1, n}^{\sigma_i - \sigma_1 + 1}(\tilde{N}_{\sigma_1}); \dots; T_{\sigma_{i-1}, n}^{\sigma_i - \sigma_{i-1} + 1}(\tilde{N}_{\sigma_{i-1}}); \tilde{N}_{\sigma_i} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{N}_{\sigma_i}; \tilde{N}_{\sigma_i} \end{bmatrix} \quad (5.63a)$$

and  $\omega(\hat{N}_{\sigma_i}) \cap \omega(\tilde{N}_{\sigma_i}) = \{0\}$ . By Lemma (5.5)  $\omega(\hat{N}_{\sigma_i}) = \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \omega(\tilde{N}_{\sigma_j})$  and thus

$\sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \omega(\tilde{N}_{\sigma_j}) \cap \omega(\tilde{N}_{\sigma_i}) = \{0\}$  for  $\forall i \in \mu$ ; the last condition clearly implies the independence of the set  $\omega(A_G)$ , as well as that

$$\omega(N_{\sigma_i}^*) = \omega(\tilde{N}_{\sigma_1}) \oplus \dots \oplus \omega(\tilde{N}_{\sigma_i}) \quad (5.63b)$$

(ii) Let  $N_k$  be any basis matrix and  $N_k^*$  the  $k$ -th element of a complete family of basis matrices. There exists a square, full rank matrix  $H$  such that  $N_k = N_k^* H$ . This relationship, in the natural partitioned form, may be expressed as

$$N_k = \begin{bmatrix} N_k^{k-1} \\ \vdots \\ N_k^0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} N_k^{*k-1} \\ \vdots \\ N_k^{*0} \end{bmatrix} H = N_k^* H \quad (5.64a)$$

and thus  $W(N_k) = \text{col-sp}\{[N_k^{k-1}, \dots, N_k^0]\} = \text{col-sp}\{[N_k^{*k-1}H, \dots, N_k^{*0}H]\} = \text{col-sp}\{[N_k^{*k-1}, \dots, N_k^{*0}] \text{diag}\{H, \dots, H\}\} = W(N_k^*)$ . This condition implies that: (1)  $W(N_k)$  is invariant of  $N_r^k$  and (2) that the properties of  $W(N_k)$  may be studied by considering a complete basis for  $N_r^k$ .

Let  $\Omega_k$  be the set of singular indices for which  $\sigma_t \leq k$ . Then,  $N_k^*$  may be expressed as

$$N_k^* = \left[ T_{\sigma_1, n}^{k-\sigma_1+1}(\tilde{N}_{\sigma_1}); \dots; T_{\sigma_v, n}^{k-\sigma_v+1}(\tilde{N}_{\sigma_v}) \right] \quad (5.64b)$$

By Lemma (5.5),  $W(N_k^*) = \sum_{t=1}^v W(\tilde{N}_{\sigma_t})$  and by the independence of the set  $W(A_G)$  the result is established.

(iii) (a) Since  $\tilde{N}_{\sigma_i}$  is a naturally partitioned and complete matrix then the set  $P_{\sigma_i}[(s, \hat{s}); \tilde{N}_{\sigma_i}]$  is linearly independent and rank  $\rho_i$ , since otherwise, the completeness of  $\tilde{N}_{\sigma_i}$  is violated. The primeness and the independence of the characteristic subspaces of the vectors of

$P_{\sigma_i}[(s, \hat{s}); \tilde{N}_{\sigma_i}]$  follow immediately from the primeness of  $\tilde{N}_{\sigma_i}$ . Thus,  $P_{\sigma_i}[(s, \hat{s}); \tilde{N}_{\sigma_i}]$  is a complete set. The independence of the set of subspaces  $W(A_G)$  established in part (i) and the completeness of every  $P_{\sigma_i}[(s, \hat{s}); \tilde{N}_{\sigma_i}]$  implies that the vectors of  $P(A_G)$  are linearly independent (otherwise

the independence of  $W(A_G)$  is violated); clearly, the rank of  $P(A_G)$  is  $\sum_{i=1}^{\mu} \rho_i$ . The completeness property of every subset  $P_{\sigma_i}[(s, \hat{s}); \tilde{N}_{\sigma_i}]$  of  $P(A_G)$  and the independence of the set  $W(A_G)$  implies that  $P(A_G)$  is complete.

(b) By definition  $M[\tilde{N}_{\sigma_i}]$  is generated by  $P_{\sigma_i}[(s, 1); \tilde{N}_{\sigma_i}]$ ; the completeness of  $P_{\sigma_i}[(s, 1); \tilde{N}_{\sigma_i}]$  implies that it is a minimal basis of  $M[\tilde{N}_{\sigma_i}]$  which has a minimal degree and thus  $M[\tilde{N}_{\sigma_i}]$  is maximal Noetherian and its rank is  $\rho_i$ .

The completeness of the set of vectors  $P(A_G)$ , immediately imply the independence of the  $M[A_G]$  set.

(iv) Let  $N_k^1, N_k^2$  be any two basis matrices of  $N_r^k$ . Then, there exists a square and invertible  $H$  matrix such that  $N_k^2 = N_k^1 H$ . Let  $P_k[(s, 1); N_k^i] = \{x_1^i(s), \dots, x_{\theta_k}^i(s)\}$ ,  $i=1, 2$  be the vectors generating the  $R[s]$ -modules  $M[N_k^1], M[N_k^2]$  respectively. Following identical steps as in the Proof of Theorem (5.4), it follows that  $N_k^2 = N_k^1 H$  implies that

$$[x_1^2(s), \dots, x_{\theta_k}^2(s)] = [x_1^1(s), \dots, x_{\theta_k}^1(s)]H \quad (5.65a)$$

Note that  $P_k[(s, 1); N_k^i]$  generates  $M[N_k^i]$ ,  $i=1, 2$ ; given that  $H$  is invertible, (5.65a) implies that  $M[N_k^1] = M[N_k^2]$  and thus any  $M[N_k]$  is an invariant of  $N_r^k$ . The invariance of  $M[N_k]$  suggests that for the study of its properties we may select any basis of  $N_r^k$ . Let us consider as a basis matrix for  $N_r^k$  the  $k$ -th element of a complete family, say  $N_k^*$ . Such a basis matrix is expressed as in (5.64b) and thus, by Lemma (5.5) it follows that  $M[N_k^*]$ , and thus  $M[N_k]$ , is generated by the vectors

$$P_\Omega = \{P_{\sigma_1}[(s, 1); \tilde{N}_{\sigma_1}]; \dots; P_{\sigma_v}[(s, 1); \tilde{N}_{\sigma_v}]\} \quad (5.65b)$$

By the completeness property of  $P(A_G)$  it follows that the completeness of  $P_\Omega$  and thus  $P_\Omega$  is a minimal basis of  $M[N_k]$ ; the existence of a minimal basis implies that  $M[N_k]$  is maximal  $\sum_{t=1}^v \rho_i$  rank Noetherian module and since the set  $M[A_G]$  is linearly independent  $M[N_k]$  may be expressed as in (5.62). □

Corollary (5.8): Let  $A_G = \{\tilde{N}_{\sigma_i}, i \in \mathbb{N}\}$  be a set of generators of a complete family  $B(A_G)$ ,  $B = \{N_k : k \geq \sigma_1\}$  be any sequence of basis matrices of  $S_r(F, G)$  and let  $W(B) = \{W(N_k) : k \geq \sigma_1\}$  be the corresponding sequence of supporting subspaces.

(i) For every pair of integers  $(i, j)$  for which either  $\sigma_t \leq i, j < \sigma_{t+1}$ ,



- or  $\sigma_\mu \leq i, j$ ,  $\sigma_\mu = \max\{K(F, G)\}$ , then  $\omega(N_i) = \omega(N_j)$ .
- (ii) For every pair of integers  $(i, j)$  for which  $\sigma_t \leq i < \sigma_{t+1} \leq \sigma_p < j$ , then  $\omega(N_i) < \omega(N_j)$ .
- (iii) If  $\sigma_\mu$  is the right index of  $(F, G)$ , then  $\omega(N_{\sigma_\mu}) = R^*$  is the maximal right annihilating space of  $(F, G)$  and

$$R^* = \omega(\tilde{N}_{\sigma_1}) \oplus \dots \oplus \omega(\tilde{N}_{\sigma_\mu}) \quad (5.66)$$

□

The proof of the result is a straightforward consequence of part (ii) of Theorem (5.5).

Corollary (5.9): Let  $A_G = \{\tilde{N}_{\sigma_i}, i \in \mathbb{N}\}$  be a set of generators of a complete family  $B(A_G)$ ,  $B = \{N_k : k \geq \sigma_1\}$  be any sequence of basis matrices of  $S_r(F, G)$  and let  $M[B] = \{M[N_k] : k \geq \sigma_1\}$  be the corresponding sequence of  $R[s]$ -modules.

- (i) For every pair of integers  $(i, j)$  for which either  $\sigma_t \leq i, j < \sigma_{t+1}$ , or  $\sigma_\mu \leq i, j$ ,  $\sigma_\mu = \max\{K(F, G)\}$ , then  $M[N_i] = M[N_j]$ .
- (ii) For every pair of integers  $(i, j)$  for which  $\sigma_t \leq i < \sigma_{t+1} \leq \sigma_p < j$ , then  $\text{rank}\{M[N_i]\} < \text{rank}\{M[N_j]\}$  and  $M[N_i] \subset M[N_j]$ .
- (iii) If  $\sigma_\mu$  is the right index of  $(F, G)$ , then  $M[N_{\sigma_\mu}] = M^*$  is the maximal  $R[s]$ -Noetherian module which is contained in  $N_r(sF - G)$ .
- (iv) For every set of generators  $A_G$ , the set of polynomial vectors

$$P[s; A_G] = \{P_{\sigma_1}[(s, 1); \tilde{N}_{\sigma_1}]; \dots; P_{\sigma_\mu}[(s, 1); \tilde{N}_{\sigma_\mu}]\} \quad (5.67)$$

defines a minimal basis for  $M^*$  and thus for  $N_r(sF - G)$  with a set of minimal indices  $I_c(F, G) = \{(\sigma_i - 1, \rho_i), i \in \mathbb{N}\}$ .

#### Proof

Parts (i), (ii) and (iii) follow immediately from part (iv) of Theorem (5.5). The completeness of  $P(A_G)$ , implies that the set

$P[s; A_G]$  is independent, has no zeros and it is column reduced. Given that  $P[s; A_G]$  is a basis for  $M^*$ , it follows that it is a minimal basis and its degree set is  $I_c(F, G) = \{(\sigma_i - 1, \rho_i), i \in \mu\}$ .  $\square$

The results stated above for the  $M[\beta]$  sequence of  $R[s]$ -modules may be interpreted in an obvious manner for the  $\hat{M}[\beta] = \{\hat{M}[N_k]; k \geq \sigma_1\}$  sequence of  $R[\hat{s}]$ -modules. Clearly, Corollary (5.9) provides alternative means for the construction of minimal bases which are independent from the algebraic tools, used for their definition. Similarly, Corollary (5.8) provides a procedure for computing  $R^*$ , which is also independent from the construction of a minimal basis. The key tools in both procedures is the construction of a set  $A_G$  of generators of a complete family of basis matrices of  $S_r(F, G)$ .

Remark (5.13): For any set of generators  $A_G$ , the set of homogeneous binary polynomials  $P(A_G) = \{P_{\sigma_i}[(s, \hat{s}); \tilde{N}_{\sigma_i}], i \in \mu\}$  is a homogeneous minimal basis for  $N_r(sF - \hat{s}G)$ .  $\square$

The last problem considered in this section is that of determining the possible degrees of prime right annihilating vectors; such a problem is intimately related to the study of possible dimensions of right annihilating spaces. In the context of linear systems, this problem has been first studied by Warren and Eckberg [War & Eck - 1] in their investigation of the possible dimensions of controllability subspaces. Using the properties of the canonical basis matrix or right annihilating vectors of an entirely right singular pencil, an alternative proof to the Warren and Eckberg result was given in [Kar - 2]. The proof of the result stated next is a straightforward generalisation of the proof given in [Kar - 2] for entirely right singular pencils.

Theorem (5.6): Let  $sF - \hat{s}G \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}[s, \hat{s}]$  be a right singular pencil and let  $I_c(F, G) = \{(\epsilon_i, \rho_i), i \in \mu, 0 \leq \epsilon_1 < \epsilon_2 < \dots < \epsilon_\mu\}$  be the set of c.m.i. Let us assume that  $\underline{x}(s, \hat{s}) = X_{d-1} e_{d-1}(s, \hat{s})$  be a prime right annihilating vector and that  $\epsilon_v$  is the maximal c.m.i. for which  $\epsilon_v + 1 \leq d$ . Then,

- (i) If  $\epsilon_v + 1 \leq d \leq \sum_{i=1}^v \rho_i(\epsilon_i + 1)$ , there always exists at least one prime vector  $\underline{x}(s, \hat{s})$  with degree  $d-1$ .
- (ii) If  $d > \sum_{i=1}^v \rho_i(\epsilon_i + 1)$ , there exists no prime vector  $\underline{x}(s, \hat{s})$  with degree  $d-1$ .

Proof

If  $\underline{x}(s, \hat{s}) = X_{k-1} e_{k-1}(s, \hat{s}) \in N_r\{sF - \hat{s}G\}$ , then by Proposition (5.9)

$$X_{k-1} = Q \begin{bmatrix} D_{k,o,g} \\ \hline D_{k,\epsilon_{g+1}} \\ \vdots \\ D_{k,\epsilon_p} \\ \hline 0 \end{bmatrix} = Q D_k^c \quad (5.67a)$$

where  $\{\epsilon_1 = \dots = \epsilon_g = 0 < \epsilon_{g+1} \leq \dots \leq \epsilon_p\} = I_c(F, G)$  and  $D_{k,\epsilon_i} \in \mathbb{R}^{(\epsilon_i+1) \times k}$  is the canonical block (5.18) if  $k \geq \epsilon_i + 1$  and  $D_{k,\epsilon_i} = 0_{\epsilon_i+1, k}$  if  $k < \epsilon_i + 1$ . If we partition  $Q$  into column blocks according to the partitioning of  $D_k^c$  i.e.  $Q = [Q_g, Q_{\epsilon_{g+1}}, \dots, Q_{\epsilon_p}, \tilde{Q}]$ ,  $Q_{\epsilon_i} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times (\epsilon_i+1)}$ , then (5.67a) yields

$$X_{k-1} = \begin{bmatrix} Q_g, Q_{\epsilon_{g+1}}, \dots, Q_{\epsilon_p} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} D_{k,o,g} \\ \hline D_{k,\epsilon_{g+1}} \\ \vdots \\ D_{k,\epsilon_p} \end{bmatrix} = Q_{\epsilon}^c \tilde{D}_k^c \quad (5.67b)$$

Clearly,  $N_r\{Q_{\epsilon}\} = \{0\}$  and thus the linear dependence, or independence properties of the columns of  $X_{k-1}$  is defined by the dependence, or

independence properties of the columns of  $\tilde{D}_k^c$ . The proof of the result is then reduced to that of Theorem (5) [Kar-2].  $\square$

Theorem (5.5) and its Corollaries have established the existence, as well as the properties of the families of right annihilating spaces  $W(B)$  and right annihilating modules  $M[B]$  ( $\hat{M}[B]$ ). The families  $W(B), M[B]$  are independent from the family of basis matrices  $B$ , which have been used for their definition, and they characterise the pencil  $sF - \hat{s}G$ , or the pair  $(F, G)$ .  $W(B)$  will be referred to as the right family of vector spaces of  $(F, G)$  and  $M[B]$  as the right family of  $R[s]$ -modules of  $(F, G)$  and because they are independent from the particular family  $B$  will be simply denoted by  $W(F, G) = \{W_k : k \geq \sigma_1\}$  and  $M[F, G] = \{M_k : k \geq \sigma_1\}$  respectively. Note that both families  $W(F, G), M[F, G]$  are partially ordered by the set  $K(F, G) = \{(\sigma_i, \rho_i), i \in \mu, 0 < \sigma_1 < \dots < \sigma_\mu\}$  since for  $W(F, G)$  we have that

$$W_i = W_j \quad \forall i, j \in [\sigma_v, \sigma_{v+1}), \quad W_i = W_j \quad \forall i, j \geq \sigma_\mu \quad (5.68a)$$

and

$$W_{\sigma_1} \subset W_{\sigma_2} \subset \dots \subset W_{\sigma_\mu} \quad (5.68b)$$

and similarly for  $M[F, G]$  we have that

$$M_i = M_j \quad \forall i, j \in [\sigma_v, \sigma_{v+1}), \quad M_i = M_j \quad \forall i, j \geq \sigma_\mu \quad (5.69a)$$

and

$$M_{\sigma_1} \subset M_{\sigma_2} \subset \dots \subset M_{\sigma_\mu} \quad (5.69b)$$

By  $i \in [\sigma_v, \sigma_{v+1})$  we mean that  $i$  takes values from the set of integers  $\{\sigma_v, \sigma_v + 1, \dots, \sigma_{v+1} - 1\}$ . Note that

$$\dim W_{\sigma_\tau} = \text{rank } M_{\sigma_\tau} = \sum_{j=1}^{\tau} \rho_j \sigma_j, \quad \forall \tau \in \mu \quad (5.70)$$

Both families  $W(F, G), M[F, G]$  are bounded and  $\sup W(F, G) = W_{\sigma_\mu} = R^*$  and  $\sup M[F, G] = M_{\sigma_\mu} = M^*$ .  $R^*$  is the maximal right annihilating space of  $(F, G)$  and  $M^*$  is the maximal  $R[s]$ -module in  $N_r\{sF - G\}$ .



Remark (5.14): The families  $W(F,G), M(F,G)$  are invariants of the equivalence class  $E_s^r(F,G) = \{(F',G') : F' = RF, G' = RG, R \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}, |R| \neq 0\}$ . □

The results presented in this chapter for right Toeplitz matrices and the right annihilating spaces may be readily translated to the case of left Toeplitz matrices and left annihilating spaces; this is achieved by considering the pair  $(F^t, G^t)$  and then by transposed duality interpreting the results for  $(F,G)$ .

## 5.6 Conclusions

The results of this chapter extend the number theoretic, geometric and algebraic results of Chapter 4 for regular pencils to the case of singular pencils. The sets  $I_c(F,G), I_r(F,G)$  of c.m.i., r.m.i. respectively of a singular pencil have been defined by the study of discontinuity properties of Piecewise Arithmetic Progression sequences defined on the pair  $(F,G)$ ; this definition demonstrates the unity (from the number theoretic viewpoint) between the minimal indices and the Segre characteristics. The computation of  $I_c(F,G), I_r(F,G)$ , which is based on the Piecewise Arithmetic Progression Sequence Diagram, or Weyr Sequence Diagram, or on the set  $K(F,G)$ , is independent from the algebraic definition of those two sets (degrees of a minimal basis); the key numerical tool involved in such computations is the computation of the rank of real matrices. An additional advantage of this approach is that the computation of those two sets is also independent from the Kronecker canonical form based procedures [Van Door - 1], [Wil - 1]. Apart from the obvious computational advantages, the present approach allows the definition of the sets of c.m.i., r.m.i. as functions defined on an ordered pair  $(F,G)$  and independently from the associated pencil.

The study of properties of the Toeplitz matrices of  $(F,G)$  has revealed a number of important aspects of the families of right (left) spaces and

right (left) modules of the pair  $(F, G)$ . The families  $W(F, G), M[F, G]$  of subspaces and modules have been shown to be invariants of the rational vector space  $N_r\{sF - G\}$ ; both families have also been defined geometrically and independent from their algebraic nature. The study of properties of  $W(F, G), M[F, G]$  families has led to a new procedure for computing minimal bases for the rational vector spaces  $N_r\{sF - \hat{s}G\}, N_\ell\{sF - \hat{s}G\}$ , which once more is purely geometric and independent from the algebraic definition of minimal bases.

One of the key tools in the development of the results of this section has been the theory of naturally partitioned matrices, also developed in this chapter. These results are general and they do not depend on the case of matrix pencils; it is believed that use of these tools to the general case of polynomial matrices may lead to general results concerning the properties and the computation of minimal bases of rational vector spaces. Finally, it is worth pointing out that the results of this chapter, on the computation of  $I_c(F, G), I_r(F, G)$  sets, may be combined with those of the previous section, on the computation of the Segre' characteristics, to provide a procedure for the computation of the Kronecker canonical form of a singular pencil. The key characteristic of this new procedure is the analysis of the singularities of appropriate Piecewise Arithmetic Progression sequences, which leads to the derivation of the Kronecker form without resorting to the use of special transformations.

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## CHAPTER 6: BILINEAR-STRICT EQUIVALENCE OF MATRIX PENCILS

### 6.1 Introduction

The study of properties of the matrix pencils  $sF-G$  and  $F-\hat{s}G$ , defined from the homogeneous pencil  $sF-\hat{s}G$ , or defined on a pair  $(F,-G)$ , has demonstrated the existence of an important notion of duality, the so-called "elementary divisor type duality", or "integrator-differentiator type duality" [Kar. & Hay - 1,2]. The matrix pencils  $sF-G, F-\hat{s}G$  are related by the special type of bilinear transformation:  $s \rightarrow 1/\hat{s}$ , which clearly transforms the points  $0, \infty, \alpha \neq 0$  of the compactified complex plane ( $\mathbb{C}U\{\infty\}$ ) (or of the Riemann sphere) to the points  $\infty, 0, 1/\alpha$  correspondingly. The duality notion between  $sF-G$  and  $F-\hat{s}G$  stems from the nature of this special bilinear transformation. The aim of this chapter is to study the properties of matrix pencils under the combined action of the general bilinear and strict equivalence groups acting on a homogeneous matrix pencil  $sF-\hat{s}G$ , or on the ordered pair  $(F,-G)$ . A complete set of invariants for matrix pencils under Bilinear-Strict Equivalence will be defined; this work forms the basis for the study of various notions of duality defined on linear systems and provides the means for the development of a unifying approach for the study of properties of regular and extended state space systems.

The study of the Bilinear-Strict Equivalence of matrix pencils has been initiated by the work of Turnbull and Aitken [Tur & Ait - 1]; in [Tur & Ait - 1] the covariance property of invariant polynomials and the invariance of the minimal indices is established. The results in this chapter complete the work in [Tur & Ait - 1] by defining a complete set of invariants for the Bilinear-Strict Equivalence class of a matrix pencil, or of an ordered pair  $(F,G)$ . An essential part in the search for a complete set of invariants of  $sF-\hat{s}G$  under Bilinear-Strict Equivalence is the study of invariants of homogeneous binary polynomials,  $f(s,\hat{s})$ , under Projective-Equivalence



transformations; such a study of invariants is reduced to an equivalent study of invariants of matrices under Extended-Hermite type transformations. The final result is that set of column, row minimal indices, the set of all index sets of  $(F, -G)$ , a set of vectors defined as Plücker vectors, and a set of Grassmann-type vectors, emerge as the set of complete and independent invariants for the Bilinear-Strict Equivalence class of a given matrix pencil. These results provide the means for the study of properties of linear state space systems under space and frequency coordinate transformations. The application of this theory to linear systems is discussed in Chapter 8.

The chapter is structured as follows: The notion of Bilinear-Strict Equivalence of homogeneous matrix pencils and an interpretation of this equivalence as coordinate transformations in the frequency domain is given in Section (6.2). In Section (6.3), a number of preliminary results are summarised; the covariance of the Smith form of  $sF - \hat{s}G$  and the invariance of the column and row minimal indices under Bilinear-Strict Equivalence is established, and the notion of Projective-Equivalence of binary homogeneous polynomials is introduced. Section (6.4) is devoted to the study of Projective-Equivalence (PE) of homogeneous polynomials  $f(s, \hat{s})$ . The complex and real lists of  $f(s, \hat{s})$  are shown to be invariant under PE and the search for a complete set of invariants under PE is finally reduced to a study of invariants of matrices under Extended Hermite Equivalence (EHE). The theory of EHE of matrices is developed in Section (6.5); the set of  $r$ -prime Plücker vectors, and the  $(r, i_1, i_2)$ - $\mathbb{C}$ -canonical Grassmann vector are shown to be equivalent complete invariants under complex EHE. For the case of real EHE, it is proved that the  $(r, i_1, i_2)$ - $\mathbb{R}$ -canonical Grassmann vector is a complete invariant. In Section (6.6), a complete set of invariants for binary polynomials and sets of binary polynomials under PE is derived. For both cases (a single polynomial and a set of polynomials),

it is shown that the complete set of invariants is made up from the real and complex lists and the  $(r, i_1, i_2)$ -R-canonical Grassmann vectors (characterising the real Extended Hermite Equivalence). Finally, in Section (6.7) a complete set of invariants for Bilinear-Strict Equivalence of matrix pencils is derived by combining the results of Sections (6.3) and (6.6).

## 6.2 Definitions, statement of the problem and interpretation of bilinear transformations

The study of Bilinear-Strict Equivalence is greatly simplified by the introduction of appropriate notation and definitions. Thus, let  $L = \{L: L = (F, -G), F, G \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}\}$  be the set of ordered pairs of  $m \times n$  matrices and let  $\Theta = \{\theta: \theta = (\lambda, \hat{\lambda})\}$  be the set of ordered pairs of indeterminates. For  $\forall L = (F, -G) \in L$  and  $\theta = (s, \hat{s}) \in \Theta$ , the matrix  $[L] = [F, -G] \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times 2n}$  will be called a matrix representation of  $L$  and the homogeneous polynomial matrix

$$L_\theta \triangleq L(s, \hat{s}) = [F, -G] \begin{bmatrix} sI_n \\ \hat{s}I_n \end{bmatrix} = sF - \hat{s}G \quad (6.1)$$

will be referred to as the  $\theta$ -matrix pencil of  $L$ . We define the following sets of matrix pencils:  $L_\theta \triangleq \{L_\theta: \text{for a fixed } \theta = (s, \hat{s}) \in \Theta \text{ and } \forall L = (F, -G) \in L\}$ ,  $L(\Theta) \triangleq \{L_\theta: \forall \theta = (s, \hat{s}) \in \Theta \text{ and } \forall L = (F, -G) \in L\}$ . In the following, three types of equivalence are defined on  $L$ , or equivalently on  $L(\Theta)$ . These equivalence relations are generated by the action of appropriate transformation groups acting on  $L$ , or  $L(\Theta)$ .

Consider first the set  $K = \{k: k = (M, N), M \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}, N \in \mathbb{R}^{2n \times 2n}, |M|, |N| \neq 0\}$  and a composition rule  $(*)$  defined on  $K$  as follows:  $*: K \times K \rightarrow K: \forall k_1 = (M_1, N_1), k_2 = (M_2, N_2) \in K$ , then

$$k_1 * k_2 \triangleq (M_1, N_1) * (M_2, N_2) = (M_1 M_2, N_2 N_1) \quad (6.2)$$

It may be readily verified that  $(K, *)$  is a group with identity element

$(I_m, I_{2n})$ . The action of  $K$  on  $L$  is defined by:  $\circ: K \times L \rightarrow L: \forall k=(M,N) \in K$  and for an  $L=(F,-G) \in L$ , then

$$k \circ L \stackrel{\Delta}{=} k \circ (F, -G) = L' = (F', -G') \in L: [L'] = M[L]N \quad (6.3a)$$

or equivalently

$$[F', -G'] = M[F, -G]N \quad (6.3b)$$

Such an action defines an equivalence relation  $E_K$  on  $L$ , and  $E_K(L)$  denotes the equivalence class, or orbit, of  $L \in L$  under  $K$ . Three important subgroups of  $K$ , and thus three notions of equivalence on  $L$  or  $L(\theta)$  are defined next:

(i) STRICT EQUIVALENCE: The subgroup  $(H, *)$  of  $(K, *)$ , where

$$H = \{h: h=(R,P), R \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, P = \text{diag}\{Q, Q\}, Q \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, |R|, |Q| \neq 0\} \quad (6.4a)$$

is called the Strict-Equivalence Group (SEG). The action of  $H$  on  $L$  is defined by  $\circ: H \times L \rightarrow L: \forall h \in H$  and for an  $L=(F,-G) \in L$ , then

$$h \circ L \stackrel{\Delta}{=} (R,P) \circ (F,-G) = L' = (F', -G') \in L: [L'] = R[F, -G]P \quad (6.4b)$$

or equivalently:

$$[F', -G'] = R[F, -G] \begin{bmatrix} Q & 0 \\ 0 & Q \end{bmatrix} = [RFQ, -RGQ] \quad (6.4c)$$

The equivalence relation  $E_H$  defined on  $L$  as above, is called Strict-Equivalence (SE) ([Gan - 1]). Two pencils  $L_\theta^1 = sF_1 - \hat{s}G_1, L_\theta^2 = sF_2 - \hat{s}G_2 \in L_\theta$  are said to be strict equivalent,  $L_\theta^1 E_H L_\theta^2$ , iff there exist  $h \in H: (F_2, -G_2) = h \circ (F_1, -G_1)$ . By  $E_H(F, G)$  we denote the SE class or orbit of  $L_\theta = sF - \hat{s}G$ , or equivalently of  $L=(F,-G)$ .

(ii) BILINEAR EQUIVALENCE: The subgroup  $(B, *)$  of  $(K, *)$ , where

$$B = \{b: b=(I_m, \begin{bmatrix} aI_n & bI_n \\ cI_n & dI_n \end{bmatrix}) = (I_m, T_\beta), \beta = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}, |\beta| = ad - bc \neq 0\} \quad (6.5a)$$

is called the Bilinear-Equivalence Group (BEG) [Kar & Kal - 1]. Every  $b \in \mathcal{B}$  is generated by a projective transformation  $\beta$ , the meaning of which will be discussed later. The action of  $\mathcal{B}$  on  $L$  is defined by:

$$b \circ L \stackrel{\Delta}{=} b \circ (F, -G) = L' = (F', -G') \in L: [L'] = I_m [L] T_\beta \quad (6.5b)$$

or equivalently:

$$[F', -G'] = I_m [F, -G] \begin{bmatrix} aI_n & bI_n \\ cI_n & dI_n \end{bmatrix} = [aF - cG, bF - dG] \quad (6.5c)$$

The equivalence relation  $E_{\mathcal{B}}$ , defined on  $L$ , is called Bilinear-Equivalence (BE). Two pencils  $L_\theta^1 = sF_1 - \hat{s}G_1, L_\theta^2 = \lambda F_2 - \hat{\lambda}G_2, \theta = (s, \hat{s}), \theta' = (\lambda, \hat{\lambda}) \in \Theta$ , are said to be bilinearly equivalent,  $L_\theta^1 E_{\mathcal{B}} L_{\theta'}^2$ , iff there exists a transformation  $\beta: (s, \hat{s}) \rightarrow (\lambda, \hat{\lambda})$  and thus a  $b \in \mathcal{B}$ , generated by  $\beta$ , such that:  $(F_2, -G_2) = b \circ (F_1, -G_1)$ . By  $E_{\mathcal{B}}(F, G)$  we denote the BE class of  $L_\theta = sF - \hat{s}G$ , or equivalently of  $L = (F, -G)$ .

Note that the composition rule (\*) is not commutative on  $K$ ; however, the following property holds true:

Proposition (6.1): For  $\forall b \in \mathcal{B}$  and  $\forall h \in H$ , then  $b * h = h * b$ .

Proof

$$\begin{aligned} h * b &= \left( R, \begin{bmatrix} Q & 0 \\ 0 & Q \end{bmatrix} \right) * \left( I_m, \begin{bmatrix} aI_n & bI_n \\ cI_n & dI_n \end{bmatrix} \right) = \left( RI_m, \begin{bmatrix} aI_n & bI_n \\ cI_n & dI_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} Q & 0 \\ 0 & Q \end{bmatrix} \right) \\ &= \left( I_m R, \begin{bmatrix} Q & 0 \\ 0 & Q \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} aI_n & bI_n \\ cI_n & dI_n \end{bmatrix} \right) = b * h \end{aligned}$$

□

Remark (6.1):  $b * h \in K$ , but generally  $b * h \notin \mathcal{B}$  and  $b * h \notin H$ .

(iii) BILINEAR-STRICT EQUIVALENCE: The subgroup  $(H-\mathcal{B}, *)$  of  $(K, *)$ , where

$$H-\mathcal{B} = \{ \kappa: \kappa = h * b, \forall h \in H, \forall b \in \mathcal{B} \} \quad (6.6a)$$

is called the Bilinear-Strict Equivalence Group (BSEG). The action of  $H-\mathcal{B}$  on  $L$  is defined by  $\circ: H-\mathcal{B} \times L \rightarrow L: \forall \kappa \in H-\mathcal{B}$  and for an  $L = (F, -G) \in L$ , then



$$\begin{aligned}
h \circ L &\stackrel{\Delta}{=} (h^*b) \circ (F, -G) = h \circ \{b \circ (F, -G)\} = \\
&= b \circ \{h \circ (F, -G)\} = (aRFQ - cRGQ, bRFQ - dRGQ)
\end{aligned} \tag{6.6b}$$

The equivalence relation  $E_{H-B}$  defined on  $L$  is called Bilinear-Strict Equivalence (BSE) [Kar & Kal - 1]. Two pencils  $L_\theta^1 = sF_1 - \hat{s}G_1, L_\theta^2 = \lambda F_2 - \hat{\lambda}G_2 \in L(\theta)$ ,  $\theta = (s, \hat{s}), \theta' = (\lambda, \hat{\lambda})$  are said to be bilinearly-strict equivalent,  $L_\theta^1 E_{H-B} L_\theta^2$ , iff there exists a transformation  $\beta: (s, \hat{s}) \rightarrow (\lambda, \hat{\lambda})$  and thus a  $b \in B$ , as well as an  $h \in H$ :  $(F_2, -G_2) = (h^*b) \circ (F_1, -G_1)$ . In matrix form the above condition may be expressed by  $[L_\theta^2] = [(h^*b) \circ L_\theta^1]$ , or

$$[F_2, -G_2] = R[F_1, -G_1] \begin{bmatrix} aQ & bQ \\ cQ & dQ \end{bmatrix} \tag{6.6c}$$

By  $E_{H-B}(F, G)$  we shall denote the BSE class of  $L_\theta = sF - \hat{s}G$ , or equivalently of  $L = (F, -G)$ .

A preliminary result characterising the effects of  $H, B, H-B$  on an  $L \in L$  is stated next.

Proposition (6.2): Let  $L \in L, b \in B, h \in H$ .

- (i) If  $L \xrightarrow{b} b \circ L = L^b$ , then  $E_H(L) \xrightarrow{b} E_H(L^b)$  is a bijection.
- (ii) If  $L \xrightarrow{h} h \circ L = L^h$ , then  $E_B(L) \xrightarrow{h} E_B(L^h)$  is a bijection.

Proof

(i) Let  $L' \in E_H(L^b)$ , then  $\exists h \in H: L' = h \circ (L^b)$  and since  $L^b = b \circ L$ , we have that  $L' = h \circ (b \circ L) = b \circ (h \circ L) = b \circ (L^h)$ , where  $L^h = h \circ L \in E_H(L)$ , so  $b \circ (L^h) = L'$ .

If we assume that  $\exists L^{h'} \in E_H(L)$ , such that  $b \circ (L^{h'}) = L'$ , then  $b \circ (h' \circ L) = L' = h \circ (b \circ L)$ , or  $h' \circ (L^b) = h \circ (L^b)$ . Let us assume that  $h = (R, P), h' = (R', P')$ , then  $R[L^b]P = R'[L^b]P'$  implies that  $(R'^{-1}R, PP'^{-1}) = (I_m, I_{2n})$  and thus  $R' = R, P' = P$ , or  $h = h'$ . The proof of part (ii) follows along similar steps.  $\square$

Note that the action of  $h = (R, P) \in H$  on the pencil  $L_\theta = sF - \hat{s}G$  may be interpreted as

$$b \circ L_\theta = R[F, -G] \begin{bmatrix} Q & 0 \\ 0 & Q \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} sI_n \\ \hat{s}I_n \end{bmatrix} = R(sF - \hat{s}G)Q = sF' - \hat{s}G' = L'_\theta \quad (6.7)$$

and thus SE implies a coordinate transformation in the domain and codomain of the ordered pair  $(F, -G)$ , but not a change in the indeterminates  $(s, \hat{s})$ .

The action of  $b = (I_m, T_\beta)$  on  $L_\theta = sF - \hat{s}G$ , however, may be interpreted as

$$\begin{aligned} b \circ L(s, \hat{s}) &= I_m[F, -G] \begin{bmatrix} aI_n & bI_n \\ cI_n & dI_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda I_n \\ \hat{\lambda} I_n \end{bmatrix} = \\ &= \lambda(aF - cG) - \hat{\lambda}(-bF + dG) = \lambda F' - \hat{\lambda} G' = L'_\theta, \end{aligned} \quad (6.8)$$

which clearly expresses a change in the indeterminates from  $(s, \hat{s}) \xrightarrow{\beta} (\lambda, \hat{\lambda})$  by the bilinear transformation:

$$\beta: \begin{bmatrix} s \\ \hat{s} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda \\ \hat{\lambda} \end{bmatrix}, \text{ where } a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } \delta = ad - bc \neq 0 \quad (6.9)$$

Thus, a bilinear transformation expresses a coordinate type transformation in the indeterminates but not in the domain and codomain of the pair  $(F, -G)$ . The action of  $\kappa = h * b$  on a matrix pencil  $L_\theta = sF - \hat{s}G$  has the features of both  $H$  and  $B$  groups and thus implies a coordinate transformation in the domain and codomain of  $(F, -G)$  and a change of indeterminates from  $(s, \hat{s})$  to  $(\lambda, \hat{\lambda})$  according to eqn(6.9). The nature of the transformation  $\beta$ , that generates the transformation  $b \in B$  is discussed next.

It is known [Se & Kn - 1] that an  $n$ -dimensional projective domain over a field  $F$ , or a projective space  $\mathbb{P}_n(F)$ , is a set of entities (usually called the points of the space) that admits of a certain class  $\{R\}$  of representations by homogeneous coordinates  $(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n)$  in  $F$ ; this class is such that, if  $R_0$  is any representation, the whole class  $\{R\}$  consists of all those representations that can be obtained from  $R_0$  by nonsingular linear transformation

$$x'_i = \sum_{k=0}^n \alpha_{ik} x_k, \quad i=0, 1, \dots, n$$

Thus, the representations  $R$  of  $\mathbb{P}_n(F)$  are connected by a group of non-singular linear transformations. This group is referred to as the general projective group and it is denoted by  $\text{PGL}(n;F)$ . In our case,  $n=1, F=\mathbb{C}$ , the projective domain  $\mathbb{P}_1(\mathbb{C})$  is the projective straight line on the compactified complex plane  $(\mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\})$ ; the class  $\{R\}$ , is the class of all bilinear transformations  $\beta: (s, \hat{s}) \rightarrow (\lambda, \hat{\lambda})$  defined by

$$\beta: s = a\lambda + b\hat{\lambda}, \quad \hat{s} = c\lambda + d\hat{\lambda}, \quad a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{C}, \quad ad - bc \neq 0 \quad (6.10)$$

Of particular interest are the subgroups of  $\{R\}$ , the  $\{R_{\mathbb{R}}\}$  for which  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ . The nature of the homogeneous coordinates of points in a line and the geometric meaning of  $\beta$  is discussed next.

On a straight line of  $\mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  (Figure (6.1)), we employ two fixed points  $A$  and  $B$  as points of reference. The homogeneous coordinates of a general point  $P$  of the line, is any pair  $(s, \hat{s})$  such that  $s/\hat{s} = c \overline{AP}/\overline{PB}$ , where  $c$  is a nonzero constant, and the same for all points  $P$ , while  $\overline{AP}, \overline{PB}$  are directed line segments, so that  $\overline{AP} = -\overline{PA}$  and  $\overline{PB} = -\overline{BP}$ . We agree to take  $\hat{s} = 0$ , if  $P = B$  and  $s = 0$  if  $P = A$ .

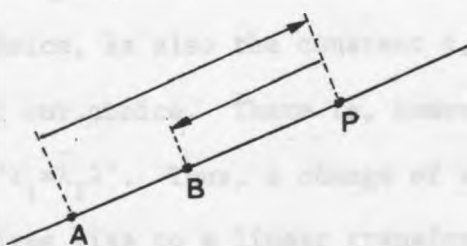


Figure (6.1)

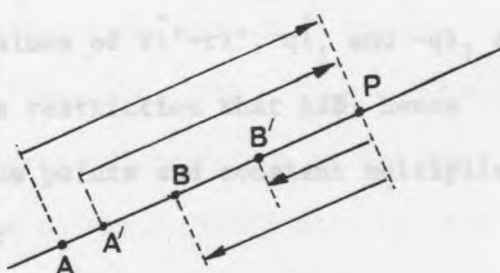


Figure (6.2)

Given  $P$  we have the ratio  $s/\hat{s}$ . Conversely, given the latter ratio, we have the ratio  $\overline{AP}/\overline{PB}$ , as well as their sum  $\overline{AP} + \overline{PB} = \overline{AB}$ , and hence we can find  $\overline{AP}$  and therefore locate the point  $P$ .

Let us now assume that we wish to express the values of  $s$  and  $\hat{s}$  in terms of the coordinates  $\lambda$  and  $\hat{\lambda}$  of the same point  $P$  referred to new fixed points of reference  $A', B'$  (see Figure (6.2)). By definition, there is a certain

new constant  $k \neq 0$ , such that  $\lambda/\hat{\lambda} = k \cdot \overline{A'P}/\overline{PB'}$ . Since  $\overline{A'P} + \overline{PB'} = \overline{A'B'}$ , we may replace  $\overline{A'P}$  by  $\overline{A'B'} - \overline{PB'}$  and get

$$\overline{PB'} = k\hat{\lambda} \cdot \overline{A'B'} / (\lambda + k\hat{\lambda}) \quad (6.11a)$$

Let A have the coordinates  $\lambda', \hat{\lambda}'$  referred to  $A', B'$ . Then

$$\overline{PA} = \overline{PB'} - \overline{AB'} = \frac{k\hat{\lambda} \cdot \overline{A'B'}}{\lambda + k\hat{\lambda}} - \frac{k\hat{\lambda}' \cdot \overline{A'B'}}{\lambda' + k\hat{\lambda}'} = \frac{(\hat{\lambda}\lambda' - \lambda\hat{\lambda}')k\overline{A'B'}}{(\lambda + k\hat{\lambda})(\lambda' + k\hat{\lambda}')} \quad (6.11b)$$

Similarly, if B has the coordinates  $\lambda_1, \hat{\lambda}_1$  referred to  $A', B'$ , then

$$\overline{PB} = \frac{(\hat{\lambda}\lambda_1 - \lambda\hat{\lambda}_1) \cdot \overline{A'B'}}{(\lambda + k\hat{\lambda})(\lambda_1 + k\hat{\lambda}_1)} \quad (6.11c)$$

Hence, by dividing (6.11b), (6.11c) we have

$$\frac{s}{\hat{s}} = \frac{\overline{AP}}{\overline{PB}} = \frac{r}{q} \cdot \frac{(\hat{\lambda}\lambda' - \lambda\hat{\lambda}')}{(\hat{\lambda}\lambda_1 - \lambda\hat{\lambda}_1)}, \quad \text{where } \frac{r}{q} = \frac{-c(\lambda_1 + k\hat{\lambda}_1)}{\lambda' + k\hat{\lambda}'} \quad (6.11d)$$

Since we are concerned only with the ratio  $s/\hat{s}$ , we may set

$$s = -r\hat{\lambda}'\lambda + r\lambda'\hat{\lambda}, \quad \hat{s} = -q\hat{\lambda}_1\lambda + q\lambda_1\hat{\lambda} \quad (6.11e)$$

Since the location of A and B with reference to  $A'$  and  $B'$  is at our choice, as also the constant  $c$ , the values of  $r\hat{\lambda}' - r\lambda'$ ,  $q\hat{\lambda}_1$  and  $-q\lambda_1$  are at our choice. There is, however, the restriction that  $A \neq B$ , hence  $\hat{\lambda}'\lambda_1 \neq \hat{\lambda}_1\lambda'$ . Thus, a change of reference points and constant multiplier  $c$ , gives rise to a linear transformation:

$$\beta: s = a\lambda + b\hat{\lambda}, \quad \hat{s} = c\lambda + d\hat{\lambda}, \quad \delta = ad - bc \neq 0 \quad (6.11f)$$

which is clearly a coordinate transformation on the straight line.

Conversely, every transformation  $\beta$  can be interpreted as the formulae for a change of reference points and constant multiplier.

The general projective group on the projective straight line of  $\mathbb{C}_U\{\infty\}$  will be denoted by  $\text{PGL}(1, \mathbb{C})$ ; it is made up from the coordinate transformations  $\beta$  with  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $\delta = ad - bc \neq 0$ . The subgroup of  $\text{PLG}(1, \mathbb{C})$ ,



defined by the extra condition that  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$  will be referred to as the  $\mathbb{R}$ -general projective group on the projective straight line of  $\mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  and shall be denoted by  $\text{PGL}(1, \mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R})$ . The group  $\text{PGL}(1, \mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R})$  generates  $\mathcal{B}$  and thus plays a crucial role in our study here.

Throughout this chapter the following notation will be adopted for the points of  $\mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$ , or equivalently of the Riemann sphere. The equivalence class of ordered pairs  $(z\gamma, z\delta)$ , where  $\gamma, \delta \in \mathbb{C}$  given  $(\gamma, \delta) \neq (0, 0)$  and  $z \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\}$ , otherwise arbitrary, defines a point of  $\mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$ , or equivalently a point on the unit radius Riemann sphere  $\text{sph}(\text{Rie})$ . The pairs  $(0, 1), (1, 0)$  characterise the origin of  $\mathbb{C}$  (the south pole of  $\text{sph}(\text{Rie})$ ), the point at infinity of  $\mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  (the north pole of  $\text{sph}(\text{Rie})$ ) respectively. For every class of pairs  $(z\gamma, z\delta)$  the invariant ratios  $z\gamma/z\delta = \gamma/\delta$ , if  $\delta \neq 0$  and  $z\delta/z\gamma = \delta/\gamma$ , if  $\gamma \neq 0$ , are defined as the frequency and the inverse frequency of the class correspondingly. The inverse frequency of  $(0, 1)$  is defined as  $\infty$  and the frequency of  $(1, 0)$  also as  $\infty$ .

By defining the reference points  $(0, 1)$  and  $(1, 0)$  on  $\text{sph}(\text{Rie})$ , every class generated by  $(\gamma, \delta)$ , with the only exception the pair  $(0, 0)$ , uniquely defines a point on  $\text{sph}(\text{Rie})$ ; such points are characterised by the invariants, the frequency and inverse frequency. The action of  $\beta \in \text{PGL}(1, \mathbb{C})$  on a pair  $(\gamma, \delta)$  may thus be interpreted as redescription of the same point with respect to a pair of new reference points on  $\text{sph}(\text{Rie})$ . In fact the parameters  $(a, b, c, d)$  of  $\beta$  are uniquely defined by the coordinates of the new reference points  $(a, b)$  and  $(c, d)$  with respect to the old reference points  $(1, 0)$  and  $(0, 1)$  respectively.

The essence of the BSE notion, defined on matrix pencils (or equivalently on ordered pairs  $(F, -G)$ ), is that it represents coordinate transformations on the domain and codomain of  $(F, -G)$  (space coordinate transformations), as well as coordinate transformations on the  $\text{sph}(\text{Rie})$  (frequency coordinate transformations). The study of the invariants of BSE is the main

objective of this chapter; such a study will be carried out on the sets  $L$ , or equivalently on  $L(\theta)$ , since transformations on  $L$  may be interpreted on  $L(\theta)$  and vice-versa. The starting point in this study is the investigation of the properties of the set of SE invariants of a matrix pencil under BE transformations. The results discussed in the following section are based on the work of Turnbull and Aitken [Tur & Ait - 1] and provide the basis for the derivation of a complete set of invariants of matrix pencils under BSE.

### 6.3 The properties of the set of SE invariants under BE

Let  $L=(F,-G)\in L$ ,  $\theta=(s,\hat{s})\in\theta$  and let  $L_\theta=L(s,\hat{s})=sF-\hat{s}G$  be the associated matrix pencil in  $(s,\hat{s})$ ;  $L(s,\hat{s})\in\mathbb{R}[s,\hat{s}]^{m\times n}$  and assume that  $\text{rank}_{\mathbb{R}(s,\hat{s})}\{sF-\hat{s}G\}=\rho\leq\min(m,n)$ . The Smith form of  $L(s,\hat{s})$  over  $\mathbb{R}[s,\hat{s}]$  ([Gan - 1]) is defined by

$$S(s,\hat{s}) = \begin{bmatrix} S_\rho^*(s,\hat{s}) & 0_{\rho,n-\rho} \\ 0_{m-\rho,\rho} & 0_{m-\rho,n-\rho} \end{bmatrix} \quad (6.12a)$$

where  $S_\rho^*(s,\hat{s})=\text{diag}\{\tilde{f}_1(s,\hat{s}),\tilde{f}_2(s,\hat{s}),\dots,\tilde{f}_\rho(s,\hat{s})\}$ , the  $\tilde{f}_i(s,\hat{s})\in\mathbb{R}[s,\hat{s}]$  being the invariant polynomials of  $L(s,\hat{s})$  over  $\mathbb{R}[s,\hat{s}]$ , and with the property that  $\tilde{f}_i(s,\hat{s})$  divides  $\tilde{f}_{i+1}(s,\hat{s})$  for  $\forall i\in\rho$ , with  $\tilde{f}_i(s,\hat{s})=0$  for  $i>\rho$ . The set of  $\{\tilde{f}_i(s,\hat{s}),i\in\rho\}$  is defined by the standard Smith algorithm ([Gan - 1]) by

$$\tilde{f}_i(s,\hat{s}) \triangleq d_i(s,\hat{s})/d_{i-1}(s,\hat{s}), i\in\rho \text{ and } d_0(s,\hat{s})=1 \quad (6.12b)$$

where  $d_i(s,\hat{s})$  is the  $i$ th-determinantal divisor of  $L(s,\hat{s})$ , that is the g.c.d. of all  $i\times i$  minors of  $L(s,\hat{s})$ . If there are  $k$  nonzero trivial elements in  $\{\tilde{f}_i(s,\hat{s}),i\in\rho\}$ , i.e.  $S_\rho^*(s,\hat{s})=\text{diag}\{\underbrace{1,\dots,1}_k, f_1(s,\hat{s}),\dots,f_{\rho-k}(s,\hat{s})\}$ , then  $k$  will be referred to as the power of  $L(s,\hat{s})$  and the ordered set of homogeneous invariant polynomials  $F(F,G)=\{f_i(s,\hat{s}),i\in\rho-k\}$  (ordering is defined by divisibility) will be referred to as the homogeneous invariant polynomial set of  $L(s,\hat{s})$ .

It is a well known result ([Gan - 1], [Tur & Ait - 1]) that if  $I_c(F, G)$ ,  $I_r(F, G)$  are the c.m.i., r.m.i. respectively of  $L(s, \hat{s})$ , then the sets  $F(F, G)$  (equivalently the set of homogeneous e.d.),  $I_c(F, G)$ ,  $I_r(F, G)$  form a complete and independent set of invariants for the  $E_H(F, G)$  equivalence class. The study of the effect of  $b \in B$  on the set  $\{F(F, G), I_c(F, G), I_r(F, G)\}$  of SE invariants is examined next. It will be shown that such a study is reduced to an investigation of the effects of the projective transformation  $\beta \in \text{PGL}(1, \mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R})$  on homogeneous polynomials. Some preliminary definitions are given first.

Let  $R_d\{\theta\}$  be the set of homogeneous polynomials of degree  $d$  with coefficients from  $\mathbb{R}$ , in all possible indeterminates  $\theta = (s, \hat{s}) \in \theta$ . Let  $\beta: (s, \hat{s}) \rightarrow (\lambda, \hat{\lambda})$  be the projective transformation defined by eqn(6.9). The action of  $\beta$  on  $f(s, \hat{s}) \in R_d\{\theta\}$  may be defined by

$$\beta \circ f(s, \hat{s}) = \tilde{f}(\lambda, \hat{\lambda}) = f(a\lambda + b\hat{\lambda}, c\lambda + d\hat{\lambda}) \quad (6.13)$$

Two polynomials  $f_1(s, \hat{s}), f_2(\lambda, \hat{\lambda}) \in R_d\{\theta\}$  will be said to be projectively equivalent (PE), and shall be denoted by  $f_1(s, \hat{s}) E_p f_2(\lambda, \hat{\lambda})$ , if there exists a  $\beta \in \text{PGL}(1, \mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R})$  such that  $\beta: (s, \hat{s}) \rightarrow (\lambda, \hat{\lambda})$  and a  $c \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$  such that

$$\beta \circ f_1(s, \hat{s}) = c \cdot f_2(\lambda, \hat{\lambda}) \quad (6.14)$$

Clearly, (6.14) defines an equivalence relation  $E_p$  on  $R_d\{\theta\}$ , which is called projective equivalence (PE).

Let  $F_1 = \{f_i(s, \hat{s}) \in R_{d_1}\{\theta\}, i \in \rho\}$ ,  $F_2 = \{\tilde{f}_i(\lambda, \hat{\lambda}) \in R_{d_2}\{\theta\}, i \in \rho\}$  are two ordered sets of homogeneous polynomials.  $F_1, F_2$  are said to be projectively equivalent,  $F_1 E_p F_2$ , if and only if  $f_i(s, \hat{s}) E_p \tilde{f}_i(\lambda, \hat{\lambda})$  for  $\forall i \in \rho$  and for the same transformation  $\beta$ . The projective equivalence class of  $f(s, \hat{s}) (F)$  shall be denoted by  $E_p(f) (E_p(F))$ .

Lemma (6.1): Let  $f_1(s, \hat{s}) \in R_{d_1}\{\theta\}$ ,  $f_2(s, \hat{s}) \in R_{d_2}\{\theta\}$  and let  $g(s, \hat{s}) \in R_p\{\theta\}$

be their greatest common divisor (gcd). Let  $\beta$  be any transformation in  $\text{PGL}(1, \mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R})$ :  $(s, \hat{s}) \xrightarrow{\beta} (\lambda, \hat{\lambda})$  and let  $\tilde{f}_1(\lambda, \hat{\lambda}) = \beta \circ f_1(s, \hat{s})$ ,  $\tilde{f}_2(\lambda, \hat{\lambda}) = \beta \circ f_2(s, \hat{s})$  and  $\tilde{g}(\lambda, \hat{\lambda}) = \beta \circ g(s, \hat{s})$ . Then  $\tilde{g}(\lambda, \hat{\lambda})$  is a g.c.d. of  $\tilde{f}_1(\lambda, \hat{\lambda}), \tilde{f}_2(\lambda, \hat{\lambda})$ .

### Proof

Since  $g(s, \hat{s})$  is a g.c.d. of  $f_1(s, \hat{s}), f_2(s, \hat{s})$ , then  $f_1(s, \hat{s}) = h_1(s, \hat{s}) \cdot g(s, \hat{s})$ ,  $f_2(s, \hat{s}) = h_2(s, \hat{s}) \cdot g(s, \hat{s})$  where  $h_1(s, \hat{s}), h_2(s, \hat{s})$  are homogeneous polynomials. Clearly,  $\beta \circ f_1(s, \hat{s}) = (\beta \circ h_1(s, \hat{s}))(\beta \circ g(s, \hat{s})) = \tilde{h}_1(\lambda, \hat{\lambda}) \cdot \tilde{g}(\lambda, \hat{\lambda})$ ,  $\beta \circ f_2(s, \hat{s}) = (\beta \circ h_2(s, \hat{s}))(\beta \circ g(s, \hat{s})) = \tilde{h}_2(\lambda, \hat{\lambda}) \tilde{g}(\lambda, \hat{\lambda})$  and thus  $\tilde{g}(\lambda, \hat{\lambda}) | \tilde{f}_1(\lambda, \hat{\lambda}), \tilde{g}(\lambda, \hat{\lambda}) | \tilde{f}_2(\lambda, \hat{\lambda})$ . If  $\tilde{g}'(\lambda, \hat{\lambda}) = \text{gcd}\{\tilde{f}_1(\lambda, \hat{\lambda}), \tilde{f}_2(\lambda, \hat{\lambda})\}$ , then  $\tilde{g}(\lambda, \hat{\lambda}) | \tilde{g}'(\lambda, \hat{\lambda})$ . By applying the inverse transformation  $\beta^{-1}: (\lambda, \hat{\lambda}) \xrightarrow{\beta^{-1}} (s, \hat{s})$ , then  $\beta^{-1} \circ \tilde{g}'(\lambda, \hat{\lambda}) = \bar{g}(s, \hat{s})$  and clearly  $\bar{g}(s, \hat{s}) | f_1(s, \hat{s}), \bar{g}(s, \hat{s}) | f_2(s, \hat{s})$ ; thus,  $\bar{g}(s, \hat{s}) | g(s, \hat{s})$  and hence  $g(s, \hat{s}) = \bar{g}(s, \hat{s}) h(s, \hat{s})$ . By applying  $\beta$ , we have  $\beta \circ g(s, \hat{s}) = (\beta \circ \bar{g}(s, \hat{s}))(\beta \circ h(s, \hat{s})) = \tilde{g}'(\lambda, \hat{\lambda}) \tilde{h}(\lambda, \hat{\lambda})$  and hence  $\tilde{g}'(\lambda, \hat{\lambda}) | \tilde{g}(\lambda, \hat{\lambda})$ . Since  $\tilde{g}(\lambda, \hat{\lambda}) | \tilde{g}'(\lambda, \hat{\lambda})$  and  $\tilde{g}'(\lambda, \hat{\lambda}) | \tilde{g}(\lambda, \hat{\lambda})$ , then  $\tilde{g}(\lambda, \hat{\lambda})$  and  $\tilde{g}'(\lambda, \hat{\lambda})$  are associates.  $\square$

This property defines the covariance of the g.c.d. under PE transformations [Tur & Ait - 1]. An immediate consequence of this lemma is the following result [Tur & Ait - 1].

**Proposition (6.3):** Let  $L_1(s, \hat{s}) = sF_1 - \hat{s}G_1$ ,  $L_2(\lambda, \hat{\lambda}) = \lambda F_2 - \hat{\lambda}G_2 \in L(\Theta)$ ,  $F(F_1, G_1) = \{f_i(s, \hat{s}), i \in \rho_1 - k_1\}$ ,  $F(F_2, G_2) = \{\tilde{f}_i(\lambda, \hat{\lambda}), i \in \rho_2 - k_2\}$  be the corresponding homogeneous invariant polynomial sets of  $L_1(s, \hat{s}), L_2(\lambda, \hat{\lambda})$ , where  $(\rho_1, k_1), (\rho_2, k_2)$  are the respective pairs of rank, power. If  $L_1(s, \hat{s}) E_{H-B} L_2(\lambda, \hat{\lambda})$  for some  $h \in H$ , and some  $b \in B$ , generated by  $\beta \in \text{PGL}(1, \mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R})$  such that  $(s, \hat{s}) \xrightarrow{\beta} (\lambda, \hat{\lambda})$ , then

(i)  $\rho_1 = \rho_2 = \rho$  and  $k_1 = k_2 = k$ .

(ii)  $F(F_1, G_1) E_P F(F_2, G_2)$ .  $\square$

A result expressing the effect of  $H-B$  on the sets  $I_C(F, G), I_T(F, G)$  of  $L(s, \hat{s})$  is given next [Tur & Ait - 1].



Proposition (6.4): Let  $L_1(s, \hat{s}) = sF_1 - \hat{s}G_1$ ,  $L_2(\lambda, \hat{\lambda}) = \lambda F_2 - \hat{\lambda}G_2 \in L(\Theta)$  and let  $I_c(F_1, G_1), I_c(F_2, G_2)$  and  $I_r(F_1, G_1), I_r(F_2, G_2)$  be the corresponding sets of c.m.i., r.m.i of  $L_1(s, \hat{s}), L_2(\lambda, \hat{\lambda})$ . If  $L_1(s, \hat{s}) E_{H-B} L_2(\lambda, \hat{\lambda})$ , then

$$I_c(F_1, G_1) = I_c(F_2, G_2) \text{ and } I_r(F_1, G_1) = I_r(F_2, G_2)$$

Proof

Let  $U(s, \hat{s})$  be a homogeneous minimal basis for  $N_r\{sF - \hat{s}G\}$  and let  $\underline{u}(s, \hat{s})$  be a minimal degree vector of  $U(s, \hat{s})$ . Note that the linear transformation  $\beta: (s, \hat{s}) \rightarrow (\lambda, \hat{\lambda})$  cannot raise the degree in the transformed vector  $\tilde{\underline{u}}(\lambda, \hat{\lambda}) = \beta \circ \underline{u}(s, \hat{s})$ , which is in  $N_r\{\lambda \tilde{F} - \hat{\lambda} \tilde{G}\}$  ( $\lambda \tilde{F} - \hat{\lambda} \tilde{G}$  is the transformed pencil); however, this transformation might lend to the lowering of the degree of  $\tilde{\underline{u}}(\lambda, \hat{\lambda})$ , through the cancelling of some common factor in the elements of the vector. In such a case, however, by transforming  $\tilde{\underline{u}}(\lambda, \hat{\lambda})$  by  $\beta^{-1}: (\lambda, \hat{\lambda}) \rightarrow (s, \hat{s})$ , a vector  $\underline{u}'(s, \hat{s})$  in  $N_r\{sF - \hat{s}G\}$  is obtained, which contradicts the hypothesis that  $\underline{u}(s, \hat{s})$  is a vector of the minimal basis  $U(s, \hat{s})$ . By the same reasoning applied to the transposed pencil  $(sF - \hat{s}G)^t$ , the invariance of  $I_r(F, G)$  is established.  $\square$

Propositions (6.3), (6.4) express respectively the covariance property of the homogeneous invariant polynomials and the invariance property of the sets of c.m.i. and r.m.i. of  $L(s, \hat{s})$  under  $E_{H-B}$  equivalence. By combining the above two results, the following criterion for  $E_{H-B}$  equivalence of matrix pencils is obtained.

Theorem (6.1): Let  $L_1(s, \hat{s}) = sF_1 - \hat{s}G_1$ ,  $L_2(\lambda, \hat{\lambda}) = \lambda F_2 - \hat{\lambda}G_2 \in L(\Theta)$ .

$L_1(s, \hat{s}) E_{H-B} L_2(\lambda, \hat{\lambda})$  if and only if the following conditions hold true:

- (i)  $I_c(F_1, G_1) = I_c(F_2, G_2)$ ,  $I_r(F_1, G_1) = I_r(F_2, G_2)$ .
- (ii)  $F(F_1, G_1) E_p F(F_2, G_2)$ .

Proof

The necessity of the result follows immediately by combining

Propositions (6.3) and (6.4). To prove the sufficiency assume that the conditions in (i) and (ii) hold true. Since  $F(F_1, G_1) E_P F(F_2, G_2)$ , then  $L_1(s, \hat{s}), L_2(\lambda, \hat{\lambda})$  have the same rank  $\rho$  ( $\rho_1 = \rho_2 = \rho$ ) and the same power  $k$  ( $k_1 = k_2 = k$ ) and there exists a transformation  $\beta \in \text{PGL}(1, \mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R}): (\lambda, \hat{\lambda}) \xrightarrow{\beta} (s, \hat{s})$  for which  $\beta \circ f_{2,i}(\lambda, \hat{\lambda}) = c_{2,i} \cdot \tilde{f}_{2,i}(s, \hat{s}) \quad \forall i \in \overline{\rho-k}$ . The transformation  $\beta \in \text{PGL}(1/\mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R})$  generates a  $b \in \mathcal{B}$  and let  $b \circ L_2(\lambda, \hat{\lambda}) = s\tilde{F}_2 - \hat{s}\tilde{G}_2 = \tilde{L}_2(s, \hat{s})$ . Since  $\tilde{L}_2(s, \hat{s}) E_{\mathcal{B}} L_2(\lambda, \hat{\lambda})$ , then  $I_c(\tilde{F}_2, \tilde{G}_2) = I_c(F_2, G_2) = I_c(F_1, G_1)$ ,  $I_r(\tilde{F}_2, \tilde{G}_2) = I_r(F_2, G_2) = I_r(F_1, G_1)$ ; furthermore, the sets of homogeneous invariant polynomials of  $\tilde{L}_2(s, \hat{s})$  and  $L_1(s, \hat{s})$  differ only by scalars (units of  $\mathbb{R}[s, \hat{s}]$ ) ( $\beta$  has been constructed this way) and thus  $L_1(s, \hat{s}), \tilde{L}_2(s, \hat{s})$  have the same Smith form. The pencils  $\tilde{L}_2(s, \hat{s}), L_1(s, \hat{s})$  have therefore the same Smith form over  $\mathbb{R}[s, \hat{s}]$  (or equivalently the same sets of e.d.) and the same sets of c.m.i. and r.m.i. and thus  $\tilde{L}_2(s, \hat{s}) E_H L_1(s, \hat{s})$  [Gan - 1]. Therefore, there exists an  $h \in H$  such that  $L_1(s, \hat{s}) = h \circ \tilde{L}_2(s, \hat{s})$ ; given that  $\tilde{L}_2(s, \hat{s}) = b \circ L_2(\lambda, \hat{\lambda})$  it follows that  $L_1(s, \hat{s}) = (h \circ b) \circ L_2(\lambda, \hat{\lambda})$  and thus  $L_1(s, \hat{s}) E_{H \circ \mathcal{B}} L_2(\lambda, \hat{\lambda})$ .  $\square$

The key notion in the characterisation of  $E_{H \circ \mathcal{B}}$  equivalence of matrix pencils is thus the notion of  $E_P$  equivalence which is defined on the set of homogeneous invariant polynomials  $F(F, G)$  of the pencil  $sF - \hat{s}G$ . By definition, such a study is reduced to an investigation of the conditions under which two polynomials  $f(s, \hat{s}), \tilde{f}(\lambda, \hat{\lambda}) \in \mathbb{R}_d\{\theta\}$  are  $E_P$ -equivalent; the problem of finding the conditions under which  $f(s, \hat{s}) E_P \tilde{f}(\lambda, \hat{\lambda})$  is equivalent to a problem of finding a complete and independent set of invariants for the orbit  $E_P(f(s, \hat{s}))$ . This problem is considered next.

#### 6.4 Projective equivalence of homogeneous binary polynomials: preliminary results

The aim of this section is to give a number of preliminary results on the  $E_P$ -equivalence defined on the set  $\mathbb{R}_d\{\theta\}$ , and provide the means for the definition of a complete set of invariants for the orbit  $E_P(f(s, \hat{s}))$ ,  $f(s, \hat{s}) \in \mathbb{R}_d\{\theta\}$ . The origins of  $E_P$ -equivalence stem from the classical work

in [Tur - 1] on the algebraic theory of invariants; however, apart from some preliminary results on the effect of the projective transformation  $\beta$  on the factorisation properties of  $f(s, \hat{s})$ , no complete set of invariants for  $E_p(f)$  has been defined so far. It will be shown here that finding a complete set of invariants for  $E_p$ -equivalence is equivalent to a classical problem of algebraic projective geometry [Se & Kn - 1] that is: find the conditions under which two symmetric sets of points of  $\mathbb{C}U\{\infty\}$  may be transformed to each other under a projective transformation  $\beta \in \text{PGL}(1, \mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R})$ . The latter problem will be expressed in an equivalent form as study of invariants of matrices under the notion of Extended-Hermite equivalence. We start off by investigating the effect of PE transformations on the factorisation properties of  $f(s, \hat{s}) \in \mathbb{R}_d\{\theta\}$ .

Lemma (6.2) [Tur - 1]: Let  $f(s, \hat{s}) = rs^2 + ps\hat{s} + qs^2$ ,  $\tilde{f}(\lambda, \hat{\lambda}) = \tilde{r}\lambda^2 + \tilde{p}\lambda\hat{\lambda} + \tilde{q}\hat{\lambda}^2 \in \mathbb{R}_2\{\theta\}$  and let  $\Delta = p^2 - 4rq$ ,  $\tilde{\Delta} = \tilde{p}^2 - 4\tilde{r}\tilde{q}$  be their corresponding discriminants. If  $f(s, \hat{s}) E_p \tilde{f}(\lambda, \hat{\lambda})$ , i.e.  $\beta \circ f(s, \hat{s}) = c \cdot \tilde{f}(\lambda, \hat{\lambda})$ , then

$$\tilde{\Delta} = \delta^2 / c^2 \cdot \Delta$$

where  $\delta = ad - bc$  is the determinant of  $\beta \in \text{PGL}(1, \mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R})$ .

### Proof

We may write  $f(s, \hat{s}), \tilde{f}(\lambda, \hat{\lambda})$  as

$$f(s, \hat{s}) = [s, \hat{s}] \begin{bmatrix} r & p/2 \\ p/2 & q \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} s \\ \hat{s} \end{bmatrix} = \underline{s}^t \underline{D} \underline{s}, \quad \tilde{f}(\lambda, \hat{\lambda}) = [\lambda, \hat{\lambda}] \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{r} & \tilde{p}/2 \\ \tilde{p}/2 & \tilde{q} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda \\ \hat{\lambda} \end{bmatrix} = \underline{\lambda}^t \underline{\tilde{D}} \underline{\lambda} \quad (6.15a)$$

and obviously  $|\underline{D}| = -1/4 \cdot \Delta$ ,  $|\underline{\tilde{D}}| = -1/4 \cdot \tilde{\Delta}$ . Because  $\beta: (s, \hat{s}) \rightarrow (\lambda, \hat{\lambda})$  we have that

$$\begin{bmatrix} s \\ \hat{s} \end{bmatrix} = [\beta] \begin{bmatrix} \lambda \\ \hat{\lambda} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda \\ \hat{\lambda} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \delta = |[\beta]| = ad - bc \neq 0 \quad (6.15b)$$

and thus

$$\beta \circ f(s, \hat{s}) = ([\beta] \underline{\lambda})^t \underline{D} ([\beta] \underline{\lambda}) = \underline{\lambda}^t ([\beta]^t \underline{D} [\beta]) \underline{\lambda} = \underline{\lambda}^t \underline{D}^* \underline{\lambda} \quad (6.15c)$$

By (6.15a) and (6.15c) we have that  $[\beta]^t D[\beta] = c \cdot \tilde{D}$  and thus  $\delta^2 \Delta = c^2 \tilde{\Delta}$ .

Remark (6.1): The condition  $\tilde{\Delta} = \delta^2 / c^2 \Delta$  implies that the discriminant  $\Delta$  is an invariant of the  $f(s, \hat{s}) = rs^2 + ps\hat{s} + q\hat{s}^2$  of weight 2 under PE transformations [Tur - 1]. Furthermore,  $\text{sign}\{\Delta\} = \text{sign}\{\tilde{\Delta}\}$  and the reducibility properties over  $\mathbb{R}$  of  $f(s, \hat{s}) \in \mathbb{R}_2\{\theta\}$  are invariant under  $E_p$ -equivalence.

By Lemma (6.2) and its remark we have the following result.

Proposition (6.5): Let  $p_i(s, \hat{s}) = (\gamma_i s - \delta_i \hat{s}), \gamma_i, \delta_i \in \mathbb{C}, (\gamma_i, \delta_i) \neq (0, 0)$  be the primes over  $\mathbb{C}$  of  $f(s, \hat{s}) \in \mathbb{R}_d\{\theta\}$ . If  $\tilde{f}(\lambda, \hat{\lambda}) \in \mathbb{R}_d\{\theta\}$  and  $f(s, \hat{s}) E_p \tilde{f}(\lambda, \hat{\lambda})$ , with some  $\beta \in \text{PGL}(1, \mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R})$ , then:

- (i) Any pair  $p_i(s, \hat{s}), p_j(s, \hat{s})$  of distinct primes  $((\gamma_i, \delta_i) \neq \zeta(\gamma_j, \delta_j), \zeta \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\})$  of  $f(s, \hat{s})$  is mapped under  $\beta$  to a distinct pair of primes of  $\tilde{f}(\lambda, \hat{\lambda})$  and vice-versa.
- (ii) Any pair of complex conjugate primes  $p(s, \hat{s}) = (\gamma s - \delta \hat{s}), \bar{p}(s, \hat{s}) = (\bar{\gamma} s - \bar{\delta} \hat{s})$  of  $f(s, \hat{s})$  is mapped under  $\beta$  to a pair of complex conjugate primes of  $\tilde{f}(\lambda, \hat{\lambda})$  and vice-versa.
- (iii) Any pair  $p(s, \hat{s}), p'(s, \hat{s})$  of repeated primes  $((\gamma, \delta) = \zeta(\gamma', \delta'), \zeta \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\})$  of  $f(s, \hat{s})$  is mapped under  $\beta$  to a pair of repeated primes of  $\tilde{f}(\lambda, \hat{\lambda})$  and vice-versa. □

The proof of the above result follows immediately by the way the projective transformation  $\beta \in \text{PGL}(1, \mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R})$  is applied on the unique factorisation of  $f(s, \hat{s})$  and by Lemma (6.2) and its remark.

Let us now consider an  $f(s, \hat{s}) \in \mathbb{R}_d\{\theta\}$  and let us denote by

$$\mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{R}}(f) = \{(\alpha_i s - \beta_i \hat{s})^{\tau_i}, \alpha_i, \beta_i \in \mathbb{R}, (\alpha_i, \beta_i) \neq (0, 0), i \in \mu\} \quad (6.16)$$

$$\mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{C}}(f) = \{(\gamma_i s - \delta_i \hat{s})^{p_i}, (\bar{\gamma}_i s - \bar{\delta}_i \hat{s})^{p_i}, \gamma_i, \delta_i \in \mathbb{C}, (\gamma_i, \delta_i) \neq (0, 0), i \in \nu\} \quad (6.17)$$

the sets of real, complex e.d. of  $f(s, \hat{s})$  over  $\mathbb{C}$  respectively; note that

$\mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{C}}(f)$  is symmetric, i.e. if  $(\gamma_i s - \delta_i \hat{s})^{p_i} \in \mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{C}}(f)$ , then the complex conjugate



$(\bar{\gamma}_i s - \bar{\delta}_i \hat{s})^{p_i} \in \mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{C}}(f)$ . By Proposition (6.5), the  $E_P$ -equivalence may be characterised as an equivalence defined on the sets  $\mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{R}}(f)$ , and  $\mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{C}}(f)$  in the following way:

**Proposition (6.6):** Let  $f(s, \hat{s}), \tilde{f}(\lambda, \hat{\lambda}) \in \mathbb{R}_d\{\theta\}$  and let  $(\mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{R}}(f), \mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{C}}(f))$ ,  $(\mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{R}}(\tilde{f}), \mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{C}}(\tilde{f}))$  be the corresponding unique factorisation sets defined above.  $f(s, \hat{s}) E_P \tilde{f}(\lambda, \hat{\lambda})$ , if and only if there exists a  $\beta \in \text{PGL}(1, \mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R})$  such that the following conditions hold true:

- (i) For  $\forall e_i(s, \hat{s}) \in \mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{R}}(f)$ , there exists an  $\tilde{e}_i(\lambda, \hat{\lambda}) \in \mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{R}}(\tilde{f})$  such that  $e_i(s, \hat{s}) E_P \tilde{e}_i(\lambda, \hat{\lambda})$ , or equivalently:  $c_i \cdot \tilde{e}_i(\lambda, \hat{\lambda}) = \beta \circ e_i(s, \hat{s})$ ,  $c_i \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$  and vice-versa.
- (ii) For  $\forall e_i^!(s, \hat{s}) \in \mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{C}}(f)$ , there exists an  $\tilde{e}_i^!(\lambda, \hat{\lambda}) \in \mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{C}}(\tilde{f})$  such that  $e_i^!(s, \hat{s}) E_P \tilde{e}_i^!(\lambda, \hat{\lambda})$ , or equivalently:  $c_i^! \cdot \tilde{e}_i^!(\lambda, \hat{\lambda}) = \beta \circ e_i^!(s, \hat{s})$ ,  $c_i^! \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\}$  and vice-versa. □

This result expresses the covariance property of the sets  $\mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{R}}(f), \mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{C}}(f)$  of  $f(s, \hat{s})$  under  $E_P$ -equivalence and reduces the study of invariants of  $E_P(f)$  to the study of properties of the e.d. sets under a common PE transformation  $\beta$ . Before we proceed to this study, we note that a real e.d.  $(\alpha s - \beta \hat{s})^{\tau}$  may be represented by an ordered triple  $(\alpha, \beta; \tau)$ , where  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\tau \in \mathbb{Z}$  and that a pair of complex conjugate e.d.  $(\gamma s - \delta \hat{s})^p, (\bar{\gamma} s - \bar{\delta} \hat{s})^p$  may be represented by an ordered triple  $(\gamma, \delta; p)$ , where  $\gamma, \delta \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $p \in \mathbb{Z}$ ; using those two representations we may define the following sets for an  $f(s, \hat{s}) \in \mathbb{R}_d\{\theta\}$ .

**Definition (6.1):**

- (i) We define by  $B_i^! \triangleq \{(\gamma_j^i, \delta_j^i; p_i); \gamma_j^i, \delta_j^i \in \mathbb{C}, p_i \in \mathbb{Z}, j \in \mathcal{V}_i, (\gamma_j^i, \delta_j^i) \neq \xi(\gamma_k^i, \delta_k^i), \forall j \neq k, \xi \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\}\}$ , as the set of all ordered triples corresponding to all pairs  $(\gamma_j^i s - \delta_j^i \hat{s})^{p_i}, (\bar{\gamma}_j^i s - \bar{\delta}_j^i \hat{s})^{p_i}$  in  $\mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{C}}(f)$  with the same degree  $p_i$ . An ordering of the elements of  $B_i^!$  is defined by any permutation of its elements; such a permutation will be denoted by  $\pi(B_i^!)$  and the set of all such permutations by  $\langle B_i^! \rangle$ .

(ii)  $B_{\mathbb{C}}(f) \triangleq \{B'_1; \dots; B'_\sigma; p_1 < \dots < p_\sigma\}$  corresponds to the set of all pairs of complex conjugate e.d. of  $f(s, \hat{s})$  and shall be referred to as the complex unique factorisation set ( $\mathbb{C}$ -UFS) of  $f(s, \hat{s})$ . The set  $J_{\mathbb{C}}(f) \triangleq \{(p_1, v_1), \dots, (p_\sigma, v_\sigma)\}$ , where  $v_i = \#B'_i$  (the cardinality of  $B'_i$ ), is defined as the complex list of  $f(s, \hat{s})$ . Every permutation of  $B_{\mathbb{C}}(f)$  of the type  $\pi(B_{\mathbb{C}}(f)) = \{\pi(B'_1), \dots, \pi(B'_\sigma) : \pi(B'_i) \in B'_i\}$  defines a normal ordering of  $B_{\mathbb{C}}(f)$  and the set of all such permutations will be denoted by  $\langle B_{\mathbb{C}}(f) \rangle$ .

(iii) Let  $\pi(B_{\mathbb{C}}(f)) = \{\pi(B'_1), \dots, \pi(B'_\sigma)\} \in \langle B_{\mathbb{C}}(f) \rangle$ , where  $\pi(B'_1) = (\gamma_1^i, \delta_1^i; p_1), \dots, (\gamma_{v_1}^i, \delta_{v_1}^i; p_1) \in B'_1$ . A matrix representation of  $\pi(B_{\mathbb{C}}(f))$  may then be defined by

$$[B_{\mathbb{C}}^\pi(f)] = \begin{bmatrix} [B'_1]^\pi \\ \vdots \\ [B'_\sigma]^\pi \end{bmatrix}, \text{ where } [B'_i]^\pi = \begin{bmatrix} \gamma_1^i & \delta_1^i \\ \gamma_2^i & \delta_2^i \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ \gamma_{v_i}^i & \delta_{v_i}^i \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}^{v_i \times 2} \quad (6.18a)$$

The matrix  $[B_{\mathbb{C}}^\pi(f)]$  will be referred to as a ( $\mathbb{C}$ - $\pi$ )-basis matrix of  $f(s, \hat{s})$ .

(iv) For the set  $\mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{R}}(f)$  we may define in a similar manner the sets  $B_j \triangleq \{(\alpha_j^i, \beta_j^i; \tau_i) : \alpha_j^i, \beta_j^i \in \mathbb{R}, \tau_i \in \mathbb{Z}, j \in \mu_i, (\alpha_j^i, \beta_j^i) \neq \zeta(\alpha_k^i, \beta_k^i), \forall j \neq k, \zeta \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}\}$ ,  $B_{\mathbb{R}}(f) = \{B_1, \dots, B_\rho; \tau_1 < \tau_2 < \dots < \tau_\rho\}$  and  $J_{\mathbb{R}}(f) = \{(\tau_1, \mu_1), \dots, (\tau_\rho, \mu_\rho)\}$ , as well as the notions of normal ordering and of the matrix representation. The sets  $B_{\mathbb{R}}(f), J_{\mathbb{R}}(f)$  will be referred to as the real unique factorisation set ( $\mathbb{R}$ -UFS), real list respectively of  $f(s, \hat{s})$  and the matrix  $[B_{\mathbb{R}}^\pi(f)]$  defined as in (6.18a) for some permutation  $\pi$  will be called an ( $\mathbb{R}$ - $\pi$ )-basis matrix of  $f(s, \hat{s})$ .

(v) The sets  $B(f) = \{B_{\mathbb{R}}(f); B_{\mathbb{C}}(f)\}$  and  $J(f) = \{J_{\mathbb{R}}(f); J_{\mathbb{C}}(f)\}$  will be called the unique factorisation set (UFS) and the list of  $f(s, \hat{s})$  correspondingly.

For every  $\pi \in \langle B_{\mathbb{R}}(f) \rangle$  and  $\pi' \in \langle B_{\mathbb{C}}(f) \rangle$  a matrix representation of  $B(f)$  according to  $(\pi, \pi')$  is defined by

$$[\mathcal{B}^{\pi, \pi'}(f)] = \begin{bmatrix} [\mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}}^{\pi}(f)] \\ [\mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{C}}^{\pi'}(f)] \end{bmatrix} \quad (6.18b)$$

$[\mathcal{B}^{\pi, \pi'}(f)]$  will be referred to as a  $(\pi, \pi')$ -basis matrix of  $f(s, \hat{s})$ .

**Remark (6.2):** From the above definitions it is clear that since  $\# \mathcal{B}_i^! = v_i$ ,  $\# \mathcal{B}_i^* = \mu_i$ , then  $\# \langle \mathcal{B}_i^! \rangle = v_i!$ ,  $\# \langle \mathcal{B}_i^* \rangle = \mu_i!$  and thus  $\# \langle \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{C}}(f) \rangle = v_1! v_2! \dots v_{\sigma}!$ ,  $\# \langle \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}}(f) \rangle = \mu_1! \mu_2! \dots \mu_{\rho}!$  and  $\# \langle \mathcal{B}(f) \rangle = v_1! \dots v_{\sigma}! \mu_1! \dots \mu_{\rho}!$ .

With this notation in mind we may state the main result of this section.

**Theorem (6.2):** Let  $f(s, \hat{s}), \tilde{f}(\lambda, \hat{\lambda}) \in \mathbb{R}_d\{\theta\}$  and let  $\{\mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}}(f), J_{\mathbb{R}}(f), \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{C}}(f), J_{\mathbb{C}}(f)\}$ ,  $\{\mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}}(\tilde{f}), J_{\mathbb{R}}(\tilde{f}), \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{C}}(\tilde{f}), J_{\mathbb{C}}(\tilde{f})\}$  be the corresponding sets associated with  $f(s, \hat{s}), \tilde{f}(\lambda, \hat{\lambda})$ .  $f(s, \hat{s}) E_{\mathcal{P}} \tilde{f}(\lambda, \hat{\lambda})$ , if and only if the following conditions hold true:

- (i)  $J_{\mathbb{R}}(f) = J_{\mathbb{R}}(\tilde{f})$  and  $J_{\mathbb{C}}(f) = J_{\mathbb{C}}(\tilde{f})$ .
- (ii) There exist  $\pi(\mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}}(f)) \in \langle \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}}(f) \rangle$ ,  $\tilde{\pi}(\mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}}(\tilde{f})) \in \langle \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}}(\tilde{f}) \rangle$ ,  $\pi'(\mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{C}}(f)) \in \langle \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{C}}(f) \rangle$ ,  $\tilde{\pi}'(\mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{C}}(\tilde{f})) \in \langle \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{C}}(\tilde{f}) \rangle$ , a  $\beta \in \text{PGL}(1, \mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R})$ ,  $\zeta_i \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$  and  $\xi_i \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\}$  such that

$$[\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{\mathbb{R}}^{\tilde{\pi}}(\tilde{f})] = \text{diag}\{\zeta_i\} [\mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}}^{\pi}(f)] [\beta] \quad (6.19a)$$

$$[\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{\mathbb{C}}^{\tilde{\pi}'}(\tilde{f})] = \text{diag}\{\xi_i\} [\mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{C}}^{\pi'}(f)] [\beta] \quad (6.19b)$$

□

The proof of the above result follows immediately by Propositions (6.5) and (6.6) and the fact that the pair  $(\gamma, \delta)$  characterising an e.d. is defined modulo some nonzero constant.

**Corollary (6.1):** The real and complex lists  $J_{\mathbb{R}}(f), J_{\mathbb{C}}(f)$  of  $f(s, \hat{s})$  are invariants of the  $E_{\mathcal{P}}(f)$  equivalence class. □

Two pairs of sets  $\mathcal{B}(f) = \{\mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}}(f), \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{C}}(f)\}$ ,  $\mathcal{B}(\tilde{f}) = \{\mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{R}}(\tilde{f}), \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{C}}(\tilde{f})\}$  for which  $J_{\mathbb{R}}(f) = J_{\mathbb{R}}(\tilde{f})$ ,  $J_{\mathbb{C}}(f) = J_{\mathbb{C}}(\tilde{f})$  and conditions (ii) of Theorem (6.2) hold true for some  $\beta \in \text{PGL}(1, \mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R})$  and nonzero constants  $\zeta_i, \xi_i$ , will be called normally projective equivalent (NPE) and shall be denoted by  $\mathcal{B}(f) E_{\mathcal{P}} \mathcal{B}(\tilde{f})$ .

Clearly, this notion of equivalence defined now on the sets  $\mathcal{B}(f)$  is equivalent to the  $E_p$ -equivalence notion defined on  $\mathbb{R}_d\{\theta\}$ . In other words,  $E_{\bar{p}}$ -equivalence is nothing else but  $E_p$ -equivalence defined on the UFS of the polynomials in  $\mathbb{R}_d\{\theta\}$ . The advantage of the  $E_{\bar{p}}$ -equivalence notion is that the study of invariants of  $E_p(f)$  is reduced to a standard matrix algebra problem, i.e. the study of solvability of condition (6.19a,b).

Before we proceed to the investigation of the conditions for the solvability of (6.19a),(6.19b), it is worth pointing out that the study of  $E_p$ -equivalence, as it has been expressed by Theorem (6.2), is equivalent to the following problem of algebraic projective geometry: Given two symmetric sets of points  $\zeta, \tilde{\zeta}$  of  $\mathbb{C}U\{\infty\}$ , find the necessary and sufficient conditions for the existence of a projective transformation  $\beta \in \text{PGL}(1, \mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R})$  such that  $\zeta$  is mapped to  $\tilde{\zeta}$  under  $\beta$ ; this problem will be referred to as the general linear mapping problem (GLMP) on  $\mathbb{C}U\{\infty\}$ . In our attempt to characterise  $E_p(f)$  by a complete set of invariants, it is clear that we have to solve the GLMP. Apart from some general necessary conditions [Se & Kn - 1], characterising the solvability of GLMP, the set of necessary and sufficient conditions characterising the solvability of GLMP have not been worked out before. Central to our attempt to solve the GLMP and thus find a complete set of invariants for  $E_p(f)$  is the study of the notion of extended Hermite equivalence of matrices discussed next.

## 6.5 Extended Hermite equivalence of matrices

### 6.5.1 Statement of the problem and background definitions

The central problem in the study of invariants of  $E_p(f)$ , or the study of GLMP is the investigation of the solvability of conditions (6.19a,b); these conditions express a notion of equivalence defined on matrices and it is studied here.

Let  $T \in \mathbb{C}^{k \times 2}$ . The matrix  $T$  will be called entirely nonsingular if none of



its  $2 \times 2$  minors is zero. The set of entirely nonsingular matrices of  $k \times 2$  dimensions shall be denoted by  $\mathbb{C}_n^{k \times 2}$ ; the subset of  $\mathbb{C}_n^{k \times 2}$ , defined by those matrices  $T$  having real elements, will be denoted by  $\mathbb{R}_n^{k \times 2}$ . Clearly,  $[B_{\mathbb{C}}^{\pi'}(f)], [B_{\mathbb{R}}^{\pi}(f)]$  are entirely nonsingular matrices (complex, real respectively).

Definition (6.2): Let  $T_1, T_2 \in \mathbb{C}_n^{k \times 2}$ .  $T_1, T_2$  will be called complex extended Hermite equivalent and shall be denoted by  $T_1 E_{eh}^C T_2$ , iff there exist  $\xi_i \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\}, i \in \underline{k}$  and  $Q \in \mathbb{C}^{2 \times 2}, |Q| = \delta \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$  such that

$$T_2 = \text{diag}\{\xi_i\} T_1 Q \quad (6.20)$$

$T_1, T_2$  will be called real extended Hermite equivalent, and shall be denoted by  $T_1 E_{eh}^R T_2$ , iff (6.20) holds true for some  $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}, |Q| = \delta \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$ .

Remark (6.3): In the case of  $E_{eh}^C$ -equivalence we may always assume that  $|Q| = \delta = 1$ , whereas in the case of  $E_{eh}^R$ -equivalence, we may always assume that  $|Q| = \delta = 1$ , or  $-1$ . This is due to the fact that if  $\delta \neq (\pm 1)$ , then  $|\delta|$  may be incorporated into the parameters  $\xi_i$ .

Clearly, the study of  $E_{\overline{p}}$ -equivalence of sets  $B(f)$  is reduced to an equivalent study of  $E_{eh}^R$ -equivalence defined on the corresponding  $[B^{\pi}, \pi'](f)$  entirely nonsingular matrix. Given that  $E_{eh}^R$ -equivalence is a special case of  $E_{eh}^C$ -equivalence, the more general notion of  $E_{eh}^C$ -equivalence is considered first on the set  $\mathbb{C}_n^{k \times 2}$ , and then the results will be specialised to the  $E_{eh}^R$ -equivalence case.

The main problem considered here is the definition of a complete set of invariants of  $T \in \mathbb{C}_n^{k \times 2}$  matrices under  $E_{eh}^C$ -equivalence first and then under  $E_{eh}^R$ -equivalence. Such a study involves the use of some extra notation and definitions from exterior algebra.

Definition (6.3): Let  $A = [\underline{a}_1, \dots, \underline{a}_m] \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times m}, m+2 \leq n$  and let  $g(A) = \underline{a}_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \underline{a}_m = (\underline{a}_{\omega}) \in \mathbb{C}^{\binom{n}{m}}, \omega \in Q_{m,n}$  be the exterior product of the columns of  $A$  (Grassmann

vector), where  $a_\omega$  denote the coordinates of  $g(A)$ .

(i) [Mar-1] A triangle of  $Q_{m,n}$ , based on  $\phi = \{i_1, i_1, i_m, i_{m+1}, i_{m+2}\} \in Q_{m+2,n}$ , i.e.  $i_j \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}, i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_m < i_{m+1} < i_{m+2}$ , is a set of six sequences in  $Q_{m,n}$  of the following form:

$$\delta\phi = \{(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_{m-1}, i_m), (i_1, i_2, \dots, i_{m-1}, i_{m+1}), (i_1, i_2, \dots, i_{m-1}, i_{m+2}), \\ (i_2, i_3, \dots, i_{m-1}, i_{m+1}, i_{m+2}), (i_2, i_3, \dots, i_{m-1}, i_m, i_{m+2}), (i_2, i_3, \dots, i_{m-1}, i_m, i_{m+1})\}$$

(ii) A Plücker vector of  $A$  based on the triangle defined by  $\phi$  is defined by

$$p_A(\phi) = \begin{bmatrix} a(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_{m-1}, i_m) & a(i_2, i_3, \dots, i_{m-1}, i_{m+1}, i_{m+2}) \\ -a(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_{m-1}, i_{m+1})a(i_2, i_3, \dots, i_{m-1}, i_m, i_{m+2}) \\ a(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_{m-1}, i_{m+2})a(i_2, i_3, \dots, i_{m-1}, i_m, i_{m+1}) \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}^3$$

(iii) Let  $\langle k \rangle = \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$  be the  $k$ -set of positive integers and let  $r \in \langle k \rangle$  be a fixed integer. The set of quadruples

$$\Phi_r \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \{\phi_r : \phi_r = (i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4) \in Q_{4,k} \text{ for which } r \in \{i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4\}\}$$

will be called the set of prime quadruple of  $r \in \langle k \rangle$ . For each prime quadruple  $\phi_r \in \Phi_r$  we can consider the corresponding triangle,  $\delta\phi_r$ , of sequences of  $Q_{2,k}$  based on  $\phi_r$ ; the set of all triangles based on all prime quadruples of  $r$  will be called the set of prime triangles of  $r$  and shall be denoted by  $\Delta\Phi_r$ . Thus,

$$\Delta\Phi_r = \{\delta\phi_r : \delta\phi_r = \{(i_1, i_2), (i_1, i_3), (i_1, i_4), (i_2, i_3), (i_2, i_4), (i_3, i_4)\} \\ \text{for } \forall \phi_r = (i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4) \in \Phi_r\}$$

(iv) If  $T = [t_1, t_2] \in \mathbb{C}^{k \times 2}, k \geq 4, g(T) = t_1 \wedge t_2 = (a_\omega) \in \mathbb{C}^{\binom{k}{2}}, \omega = (i_1, i_2) \in Q_{2,k}$ , and  $r \in \langle k \rangle$  fixed, then we define as the set of  $r$ -prime Plücker vectors of  $T$ , the set of vectors of  $\mathbb{C}^3$  defined by:

$$P_r \triangleq \{ \underline{p}(\delta\phi_r) : \underline{p}(\delta\phi_r) = \begin{bmatrix} a(i_1, i_2)a(i_3, i_4) \\ -a(i_1, i_3)a(i_2, i_4) \\ a(i_1, i_4)a(i_2, i_3) \end{bmatrix}, \forall \delta\phi_r \in \Delta\Phi_r \}$$

□

We may illustrate the above definition by the following examples:

Example (6.1): Let  $T \in \mathbb{C}^{5 \times 2}$ , and let  $r=1 \in \langle 5 \rangle = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ .

(i) The set of prime quadruples of  $r=1$  is given by:

$$\Phi_1 = \{(1, 2, 3, 4), (1, 2, 3, 5), (1, 2, 4, 5), (1, 3, 4, 5)\} = \{\phi_1^1, \phi_1^2, \phi_1^3, \phi_1^4\}$$

(ii) The set of prime triangles of  $r=1$  is given by  $\Delta\Phi_1 = \{\delta\phi_1^1, \delta\phi_1^2, \delta\phi_1^3, \delta\phi_1^4\}$

where

$$\delta\phi_1^1 = \{(1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4), (2, 3), (2, 4), (3, 4)\},$$

$$\delta\phi_1^2 = \{(1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 5), (2, 3), (2, 5), (3, 5)\},$$

$$\delta\phi_1^3 = \{(1, 2), (1, 4), (1, 5), (2, 4), (2, 5), (4, 5)\},$$

$$\delta\phi_1^4 = \{(1, 3), (1, 4), (1, 5), (3, 4), (3, 5), (4, 5)\}.$$

(iii) If  $T \in \mathbb{C}^{5 \times 2}$  and  $\underline{g}(T) = (a_\omega) \in \mathbb{C}^{\binom{5}{2}}$ ,  $\omega = (i_1, i_2) \in Q_{2,5}$ , where  $a_\omega$  is the  $2 \times 2$  minor of  $T$  that corresponds to the  $(i_1, i_2)$  rows of  $T$ , then the set of

1-prime vectors is defined by

$$P_1 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a(1, 2)a(3, 4) \\ -a(1, 3)a(2, 4) \\ a(1, 4)a(2, 3) \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} a(1, 2)a(3, 5) \\ -a(1, 3)a(2, 5) \\ a(1, 5)a(2, 3) \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} a(1, 2)a(4, 5) \\ -a(1, 4)a(2, 5) \\ a(1, 5)a(2, 4) \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} a(1, 3)a(4, 5) \\ -a(1, 4)a(3, 5) \\ a(1, 5)a(3, 4) \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

□

Remark (6.4): Note that a triangle of sequences of  $Q_{m,n}$  may be used for the derivation of the three term Quadratic Plücker relationships (QPR), characterising decomposability of multivectors [Mar-1]. By construction  $\underline{g}(T)$  is decomposable, and thus the sum of the coordinates for every Plücker vector is equal to zero ( $a_\omega$  satisfy the three term QPR), i.e.

$a(1,2)a(3,4)-a(1,3)a(2,4)+a(1,4)a(2,3)=0$ . The term "Plücker vectors" has been used because of the links of these vectors with the set of 3-term QPR's.

#### 6.5.2 The Plücker vectors as a complete set of invariants for matrices of $\mathbb{C}^{k \times 2}_n$ under $E_{eh}^C$ -equivalence

With those preliminary definitions in mind we may proceed to the investigation of the conditions under which two matrices of  $\mathbb{C}^{k \times 2}_n$  are  $E_{eh}^C$ -equivalent. This study eventually yields a complete set of invariants for the equivalence class  $E_{eh}^C(T)$ , where  $T \in \mathbb{C}^{k \times 2}_n$ . We start off with the following obvious result:

Proposition (6.7): Let  $T_1, T_2 \in \mathbb{C}^{k \times 2}_n$ . Necessary and sufficient conditions for  $T_1 E_{eh}^R T_2$  are:

(i) There exist  $\xi_i \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\}$  such that

$$\text{col-span}_{\mathbb{C}}\{T_2\} = \text{col-span}_{\mathbb{C}}\{\text{diag}\{\xi_i\}T_1\} \quad (6.21)$$

(ii) For at least a set of solutions  $\{\xi_i\}$  of (6.21), the following two conditions hold true:

$$\text{col-span}_{\mathbb{R}}\{\text{Re}(T_2)\} = \text{col-span}_{\mathbb{R}}\{\text{Re}(\text{diag}\{\xi_i\}T_1)\} \quad (6.22a)$$

$$\text{col-span}_{\mathbb{R}}\{\text{Im}(T_2)\} = \text{col-span}_{\mathbb{R}}\{\text{Im}(\text{diag}\{\xi_i\}T_1)\} \quad (6.22b)$$

□

Part (i) of the above result expresses the necessary and sufficient conditions for  $T_1 E_{eh}^C T_2$ . Part (ii) is the extra condition needed to guarantee the existence of a real Q. In some sense, Proposition (6.7) is a restatement of the notion of  $E_{eh}^R$ -equivalence. The fact that conditions (6.21) and (6.22) depend on the set of  $\{\xi_i\}$  does not make this result particularly useful; however, Proposition (6.7) is the starting point in the search for a complete set of invariants.



Remark (6.5): Condition (6.21) is necessary and sufficient for  $E_{eh}^c$ -equivalence of matrices of  $\mathbb{T}^{k \times 2}$ . If  $T_1, T_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times 2}$ , then (6.21) is a necessary and sufficient condition for  $E_{eh}^r$ -equivalence.

In the following, attention is focussed on  $E_{eh}^c$ -equivalence of matrices of  $\mathbb{T}_n^{k \times 2}$ . By Proposition (6.7) we have:

Proposition (6.8): Let  $T_1 = [t_{11}, t_{12}], T_2 = [t_{21}, t_{22}] \in \mathbb{T}_n^{k \times 2}, k \geq 2$ , and let  $t_{11} \wedge t_{12} = (a_\omega^1), t_{21} \wedge t_{22} = (a_\omega^2) \in \mathbb{T}^{(k)}_{2,k}, \omega \in Q_{2,k}$ , where  $a_\omega^1, a_\omega^2$  are the  $2 \times 2$  minors of  $T_1, T_2$  respectively, which correspond to the  $\omega = (i_1, i_2)$  rows, and let

$$a_\omega^2 / a_\omega^1 = \xi_\omega \delta, \quad \xi_\omega \in \mathbb{T} - \{0\}, \delta \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\} \quad (6.23a)$$

Necessary and sufficient condition for  $T_1 E_{eh}^c T_2$  is that there exists a set of  $\xi_i \in \mathbb{T} - \{0\}, i \in k$ , such that

$$\xi_\omega = \xi_{i_1} \xi_{i_2} \text{ for } \forall \omega = (i_1, i_2) \in Q_{2,k} \quad (6.23b)$$

#### Proof

By taking the second compound matrix of both sides of (6.20) and by using the Binet-Cauchy Theorem [Mar & Min - 1], we have

$$g(T_2) = C_2(T_2) = C_2(\text{diag}\{\xi_i\} T_1 Q) = C_2(\text{diag}\{\xi_i\}) g(T_1) C_2(Q) \quad (6.24a)$$

Note that  $C_2(Q) = |Q| = \delta \neq 0$  and that  $C_2(\text{diag}\{\xi_i\}) = \text{diag}\{\xi_\omega\}$ , where  $\xi_\omega = \xi_{i_1} \xi_{i_2}$ ,  $\omega = (i_1, i_2) \in Q_{2,k}$ . Thus, by (6.24a) we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} \vdots \\ a_\omega^2 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} = \text{diag}\{\xi_\omega\} \begin{bmatrix} \vdots \\ a_\omega^1 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} \delta, \quad \xi_\omega = \xi_{i_1} \xi_{i_2}, \delta \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\} \quad (6.24b)$$

and the necessity is established. To prove sufficiency, we note that if

$\xi_\omega = \xi_{i_1} \xi_{i_2}$  for  $\forall \omega = (i_1, i_2) \in Q_{2,k}$  and some  $k$  parameters  $\xi_i$ , then

$\text{diag}\{\xi_{i_1} \xi_{i_2}\} = \text{diag}\{\xi_\omega\} = C_2(\text{diag}\{\xi_i\})$  and because the multivectors  $(a_\omega^2), (a_\omega^1)$

are decomposable we may write (6.24b) as

$$\underline{g}(T_2) = C_2(\text{diag}\{\xi_i\})\underline{g}(T_1)\delta = \underline{g}(\text{diag}\{\xi_i\}T_1)\delta \quad (6.24c)$$

From the above it follows that  $T_2$  and  $\text{diag}\{\xi_i\}T_1$  have the same column space (they are Grassmann representatives of the same space) and thus there exists a  $Q \in \mathbb{C}^{2 \times 2}$ ,  $|Q| = \delta \neq 0$  for which  $T_2 = \text{diag}\{\xi_i\}T_1Q$ .  $\square$

**Remark (6.6):** Products  $\xi_\omega \delta$  are uniquely defined by eqn(6.23a). For the case of  $E_{eh}^c$ -equivalence, if  $\delta \neq 1$  then

$$T_2 = \text{diag}\{\xi_i\}T_1Q \Leftrightarrow T_2 = \text{diag}\{\sqrt{\delta}\xi_i\}T_1\{Q.1/\sqrt{\delta}\} \quad (6.25a)$$

where  $|Q.1/\sqrt{\delta}| = 1$ . Thus for  $E_{eh}^c$ ,  $\delta$  may be assumed to be 1. For the case of  $E_{eh}^r$ -equivalence, if  $\delta \neq 1$ , then

$$T_2 = \text{diag}\{\xi_i\}T_1Q \Leftrightarrow T_2 = \text{diag}\{\sqrt{|\delta|}\xi_i\}T_1\{Q.1\sqrt{|\delta|}\} \quad (6.25b)$$

where  $|Q.1\sqrt{|\delta|}| = 1$  if  $\delta > 0$  and  $|Q.1\sqrt{|\delta|}| = -1$  if  $\delta < 0$ . Thus, for  $E_{eh}^r$ -equivalence,  $\delta$  may be assumed to be either 1, or -1.  $\square$

Note that Proposition (6.8) provides the necessary and sufficient conditions for the existence of complex scalars  $\xi_i$  and a real determinant complex transformation  $Q$  for which  $T_2 = \text{diag}\{\xi_i\}T_1Q$ ; however, this result does not guarantee the existence of a real  $Q$ . In the case, however, where  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are real, then Proposition (6.8) guarantees the existence of a real  $Q$ .

The essence of Proposition (6.8) is that it reduces the study of  $E_{eh}^c$ -equivalence to a factorisation problem of the set of  $\xi_\omega$  defined by (6.23a) into the form  $\xi_\omega = \xi_{i_1} \xi_{i_2}$  for all  $\omega \in Q_{2,k}$ , in terms of the  $k$ -parameters  $\xi_i$ . Such a factorisation is necessary and sufficient for the matrix  $\text{diag}\{\xi_\omega\} = \text{diag}\{a_\omega^2/a_\omega^1.1/\delta\} \in \mathbb{C}^{\binom{k}{2} \times \binom{k}{2}}$  to be considered as the second order compound matrix of some  $\text{diag}\{\xi_i\}$  matrix. Thus the study of  $E_{eh}^c$ -equivalence may be expressed as a problem of decomposability of linear operators. We may summarise the discussion as follows:

Proposition (6.9):

(i) Necessary condition for  $T_1 E_{eh}^r T_2$  is that the set of equations

$$\delta \xi_{i_1} \xi_{i_2} = a_{\omega}^{(2)} / a_{\omega}^{(1)}, \quad \omega = (i_1, i_2) \in Q_{2,k} \quad (6.26a)$$

have a solution  $\{\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_k : \xi_i \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\}\}$  for  $\delta=1$  or  $\delta=-1$ .

(ii) Necessary and sufficient condition for  $T_1 E_{eh}^c T_2$  is that the set of equations

$$\xi_{i_1} \xi_{i_2} = a_{\omega}^{(2)} / a_{\omega}^{(1)}, \quad \omega = (i_1, i_2) \in Q_{2,k} \quad (6.26b)$$

have a solution  $\{\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_k : \xi_i \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\}\}$ . □

Before we examine the conditions under which a solution of (6.26a) and (6.26b) exists we give a result expressing the uniqueness property of such solutions.

Proposition (6.10):

- (i) If  $\{\xi_i : \xi_i \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\}, i \in \tilde{k}\}$  and  $\{\xi'_i : \xi'_i \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\}, i \in \tilde{k}\}$  are two solutions of (6.26a) for  $\delta=1$  or  $\delta=-1$ , then either  $\xi'_i = \xi_i$  for  $\forall i \in \tilde{k}$  or  $\xi'_i = j\xi_i$  for  $\forall i \in \tilde{k}$ .
- (ii) If  $\{\xi_i : \xi_i \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\}, i \in \tilde{k}\}$  is a solution of (6.26b), then it is uniquely defined.

Proof

Since  $\{\xi_i\}, \{\xi'_i\}$  are two solutions, then for any three indices  $i_1, i_2, i_3$  we have that

$$a_{i_1, i_2}^2 / a_{i_1, i_2}^1 = \xi_{i_1} \xi_{i_2} \delta = \xi'_{i_1} \xi'_{i_2} \delta' \Rightarrow \xi_{i_1} / \xi'_{i_1} = (\xi'_{i_2} / \xi_{i_2}) \cdot (\delta' / \delta)$$

$$a_{i_1, i_3}^2 / a_{i_1, i_3}^1 = \xi_{i_1} \xi_{i_3} \delta = \xi'_{i_1} \xi'_{i_3} \delta' \Rightarrow \xi_{i_1} / \xi'_{i_1} = (\xi'_{i_3} / \xi_{i_3}) \cdot (\delta' / \delta)$$

$$a_{i_2, i_3}^2 / a_{i_2, i_3}^1 = \xi_{i_2} \xi_{i_3} \delta = \xi'_{i_2} \xi'_{i_3} \delta' \Rightarrow \xi_{i_2} / \xi'_{i_2} = (\xi'_{i_3} / \xi_{i_3}) \cdot (\delta' / \delta)$$

from which it is readily seen that

$$\xi_{i_1} / \xi'_{i_1} = (\xi'_{i_2} / \xi_{i_2}) (\delta' / \delta) = (\xi'_{i_3} / \xi_{i_3}) (\delta' / \delta) = \xi_{i_2} / \xi'_{i_2}$$

or that  $(\xi'_{i_2}/\xi_{i_2})^2 = \delta/\delta'$ . Similarly, it can be proved that

$$\xi'_j/\xi_j = \sqrt{\delta/\delta'} \text{ for all } j \in k$$

and since  $\delta = \pm 1$  the result follows. In the case eqn(6.26b),  $\delta = \delta' = 1$  and from the last expression the result is established.  $\square$

Remark (6.7) clearly demonstrates that the solutions of (6.26a), (6.26b) do not possess the properties described by Proposition (6.10), if  $\delta \neq 1$ .

In the following, it will be assumed that  $\delta = 1$ , in the case of  $E_{eh}^c$ -equivalence, and  $\delta = 1$  or  $-1$ , in the case of  $E_{eh}^r$ -equivalence. The conditions under which  $T_1 E_{eh}^c T_2$  are examined next; we start off by considering the simple cases where  $k=1, 2, 3$ .

Proposition (6.11): Let  $T_1, T_2 \in \mathbb{C}_n^{k \times 2}$ , where  $k=1, 2, 3$ . Then  $T_1 E_{eh}^c T_2$ .

Proof

The proof for  $k=1, 2$  is rather obvious and it is omitted. For the case  $k=3$ , conditions (6.26a) may be solved. Thus we have

$$\xi_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\delta}} \frac{a_{2,3}^1}{a_{2,3}^2} \sqrt{D}, \quad \xi_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\delta}} \frac{a_{1,3}^1}{a_{2,3}^2} \sqrt{D}, \quad \xi_3 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\delta}} \frac{a_{1,2}^1}{a_{1,2}^2} \sqrt{D} \quad (6.27a)$$

where  $\delta = 1$ , or  $-1$ , and

$$D = (a_{1,2}^2 a_{1,3}^2 a_{2,3}^2) / (a_{1,2}^1 a_{1,3}^1 a_{2,3}^1) \quad (6.27b)$$

Therefore, for all  $T_1, T_2 \in \mathbb{C}_n^{3 \times 2}$ , we can always find two solutions  $(\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3)$  and  $(j\xi_1, j\xi_2, j\xi_3)$  where the first corresponds to a  $Q \in \mathbb{C}^{2 \times 2}$  with  $|Q|=1$  and the second to a  $Q$  with  $|Q|=-1$ .  $\square$

Remark (6.7): Any set of three distinct real points may be mapped by a projective transformation  $\beta \in \text{PGL}(1, \mathbb{C}|\mathbb{R})$  to any three real distinct points.

We may now state the main result of this section.



**Theorem (6.3):** Let  $T_1, T_2 \in \mathbb{C}_n^{k \times 2}$ ,  $k \geq 4$ ,  $g(T_1) = (a_\omega^1)$ ,  $g(T_2) = (a_\omega^2) \in \mathbb{C}_n^{(k)} \binom{2}{2}$  be the corresponding Grassmann vectors, and  $a_\omega^1, a_\omega^2, \omega \in Q_{2,k}$  be the respective Plücker coordinates. Let us further assume that  $r \in \langle k \rangle$ , is a fixed integer,  $\Phi_r$  and  $\Delta\Phi_r$  are the sets of prime quadruples and prime triangles of  $r$  and that  $p_r^1, p_r^2$  are the  $r$ -prime Plücker vectors of  $T_1, T_2$  respectively. Necessary and sufficient condition for  $T_1 E_{eh}^c T_2$  are that for  $\forall \delta\phi_r \in \Delta\Phi_r$  and  $p^1(\delta\phi_r) \in p_r^1$ ,  $p^2(\delta\phi_r) \in p_r^2$

$$p^2(\delta\phi_r) = \lambda_j p^1(\delta\phi_r) \text{ for some } \lambda_j \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\} \quad (6.28)$$

### Proof

We shall prove the result for  $r=1$ , whereas the proof for any general  $r \in \langle k \rangle$  is identical. We consider first the cases where  $k=4, k=5$  and by induction we shall prove the general case. In the following, we shall denote by  $q_\omega = a_\omega^2/a_\omega^1, \hat{q}_\omega = a_\omega^1/a_\omega^2$ , for  $\forall \omega = (i_1, i_2) \in Q_{2,k}$ .

(i)  $k=4$ : Conditions (6.26a) yield

$$\delta\xi_1\xi_2 = q_{1,2}, \delta\xi_1\xi_3 = q_{1,3}, \delta\xi_1\xi_4 = q_{1,4} \quad (6.29a)$$

$$\delta\xi_2\xi_3 = q_{2,3}, \delta\xi_2\xi_4 = q_{2,4}, \delta\xi_3\xi_4 = q_{3,4} \quad (6.29b)$$

Solving (6.29a) for  $\xi_2, \xi_3, \xi_4$  in terms of  $\delta \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$  and  $\xi_1 \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\}$  and substituting into (6.29b), we have the equivalent set

$$\xi_2 = q_{1,2}/\delta\xi_1, \xi_3 = q_{1,3}/\delta\xi_1, \xi_4 = q_{1,4}/\delta\xi_1 \quad (6.30a)$$

$$q_{1,2}q_{1,3}\hat{q}_{2,3} = q_{1,2}q_{1,4}\hat{q}_{2,4} = q_{1,3}q_{1,4}\hat{q}_{3,4} = \delta\xi_1^2 \quad (6.30b)$$

However, (6.30b) is equivalent to the following conditions

$$q_{1,2}q_{1,3}\hat{q}_{2,3} = q_{1,2}q_{1,4}\hat{q}_{2,4} \Leftrightarrow q_{1,3}q_{2,4} = q_{1,4}q_{2,3} = \lambda \quad (6.30c)$$

$$q_{1,2}q_{1,3}\hat{q}_{2,3} = q_{1,3}q_{1,4}\hat{q}_{3,4} \Leftrightarrow q_{1,2}q_{3,4} = q_{1,4}q_{2,3} = \lambda \quad (6.30d)$$

from which

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{1,2}^2 & a_{3,4}^2 \\ -a_{1,3}^2 & a_{2,4}^2 \\ a_{1,4}^2 & a_{2,3}^2 \end{bmatrix} = \lambda \begin{bmatrix} a_{1,2}^1 & a_{3,4}^1 \\ -a_{1,3}^1 & a_{2,4}^1 \\ a_{1,4}^1 & a_{2,3}^1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{or } p^2(1,2,3,4) = \lambda p^1(1,2,3,4) \quad (6.30e)$$

and thus necessity is proved. The sufficiency follows by a mere reversion of the steps.

(ii)  $k=5$ : There are ten conditions of the (6.26a) type. By solving the first four for  $\xi_2, \xi_3, \xi_4, \xi_5$  in terms of  $\delta, \xi_1$  and substituting into the rest, the following equivalent set is obtained

$$\xi_2 = q_{1,2}/\delta\xi_1, \quad \xi_3 = q_{1,3}/\delta\xi_1, \quad \xi_4 = q_{1,4}/\delta\xi_1, \quad \xi_5 = q_{1,5}/\delta\xi_1 \quad (6.31a)$$

$$\begin{aligned} q_{1,2}q_{1,3}\hat{q}_{2,3} &= q_{1,2}q_{1,4}\hat{q}_{2,4} = q_{1,2}q_{1,5}\hat{q}_{2,5} = \delta\xi_1^2 = \\ &= q_{1,3}q_{1,5}\hat{q}_{3,5} = q_{1,4}q_{1,5}\hat{q}_{4,5} \end{aligned} \quad (6.31b)$$

For the set  $\langle 5 \rangle = \{1,2,3,4,5\}$  the prime quadruples of 1 are  $\{(1,2,3,4), (1,2,3,5), (1,2,4,5), (1,3,4,5)\}$ ; for each of those prime quadruples a three-term relationship is obtained from (6.31b), i.e.

$$(1,2,3,4) \rightarrow q_{1,2}q_{1,3}\hat{q}_{2,3} = q_{1,2}q_{1,4}\hat{q}_{2,4} = q_{1,3}q_{1,4}\hat{q}_{3,4} = \delta\xi_1^2 \quad (6.31c)$$

$$(1,2,3,5) \rightarrow q_{1,2}q_{1,3}\hat{q}_{2,3} = q_{1,2}q_{1,5}\hat{q}_{2,5} = q_{1,3}q_{1,5}\hat{q}_{3,5} = \delta\xi_1^2 \quad (6.31d)$$

$$(1,2,4,5) \rightarrow q_{1,2}q_{1,4}\hat{q}_{2,4} = q_{1,2}q_{1,5}\hat{q}_{2,5} = q_{1,4}q_{1,5}\hat{q}_{4,5} = \delta\xi_1^2 \quad (6.31e)$$

$$(1,3,4,5) \rightarrow q_{1,3}q_{1,4}\hat{q}_{3,4} = q_{1,3}q_{1,5}\hat{q}_{3,5} = q_{1,4}q_{1,5}\hat{q}_{4,5} = \delta\xi_1^2 \quad (6.31f)$$

Using similar arguments as in the case  $k=4$ , the above conditions yield

$$(6.31c) \Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a_{1,2}^2 & a_{3,4}^2 \\ -a_{1,3}^2 & a_{2,4}^2 \\ a_{1,4}^2 & a_{2,3}^2 \end{bmatrix} = \lambda_1 \begin{bmatrix} a_{1,2}^1 & a_{3,4}^1 \\ -a_{1,3}^1 & a_{2,4}^1 \\ a_{1,4}^1 & a_{2,3}^1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (6.31d) \Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a_{1,2}^2 & a_{3,5}^2 \\ -a_{1,3}^2 & a_{2,5}^2 \\ a_{1,5}^2 & a_{2,3}^2 \end{bmatrix} = \lambda_2 \begin{bmatrix} a_{1,2}^1 & a_{3,5}^1 \\ -a_{1,3}^1 & a_{2,5}^1 \\ a_{1,5}^1 & a_{2,3}^1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(6.31e) \Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a_{1,2}^2 & a_{4,5}^2 \\ -a_{1,4}^2 & a_{2,5}^2 \\ a_{1,5}^2 & a_{2,4}^2 \end{bmatrix} = \lambda_3 \begin{bmatrix} a_{1,2}^1 & a_{4,5}^1 \\ -a_{1,4}^1 & a_{2,5}^1 \\ a_{1,5}^1 & a_{2,4}^1 \end{bmatrix}, (6.31f) \Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a_{1,3}^2 & a_{4,5}^2 \\ -a_{1,4}^2 & a_{3,5}^2 \\ a_{1,5}^2 & a_{3,4}^2 \end{bmatrix} = \lambda_4 \begin{bmatrix} a_{1,3}^1 & a_{4,5}^1 \\ -a_{1,4}^1 & a_{3,5}^1 \\ a_{1,5}^1 & a_{3,4}^1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (6.31g)$$

Note that (6.31g) is the minimum set of necessary conditions implied from eqn(6.31b). The sufficiency follows by a mere reversion of the arguments.

(iii) The general case  $k \geq 6$ : Before we proceed with the proof we define the following: Let  $\langle k, l \rangle = \{2, 3, \dots, k\}$  and let  $Q_{2,k-1}^{(1)}$  be the set of strictly increasing 2 integers chosen from  $\langle k, l \rangle$  which are lexicographically ordered. We also define by  $Q_{3,k}^{[1]} \triangleq \{(l, i_1, i_2) : (i_1, i_2) \in Q_{2,k-1}^{(1)}\} \subset Q_{3,k}$ ;  $Q_{3,k}^{[1]}$  is the subset of  $Q_{3,k}$  which contain  $l$  as an element ( $l$  is always first because of the lexicographic ordering of  $Q_{3,k}$ ). By solving as before the first  $k-1$  of conditions (6.26a) with respect to  $\xi_1, \delta$  and substituting into the rest, we have the following set of equivalent conditions

$$\xi_2 = q_{1,2}/\delta\xi_1, \xi_3 = q_{1,3}/\delta\xi_1, \dots, \xi_k = q_{1,k}/\delta\xi_1 \quad (6.32a)$$

$$q_{1,i_1} q_{1,i_2} \hat{q}_{i_1,i_2} = \delta\xi_1^2 \text{ for all } (l, i_1, i_2) \in Q_{3,k}^{[1]} \quad (6.32b)$$

If  $\Phi_1$  is the set of prime quadruples of  $(l)$ , i.e.  $\Phi_1 = \{(l, i_2, i_3, i_4) : i_2, i_3, i_4 \in \langle k, l \rangle, i_2 < i_3 < i_4\}$ , then for each prime quadruple  $(l, i_2, i_3, i_4)$ , a three-term relationship is obtained from (6.32b), of the type

$$q_{1,i_2} q_{1,i_3} \hat{q}_{i_2,i_3} = q_{1,i_2} q_{1,i_4} \hat{q}_{i_2,i_4} = q_{1,i_3} q_{1,i_4} \hat{q}_{i_3,i_4} = \delta\xi_1^2 \quad (6.32c)$$

The set of conditions (6.32c), defined for every  $(l, i_2, i_3, i_4) \in \Phi_1$ , is the minimal set of conditions needed for (6.32b) to be true. Following a similar procedure as in the (i), (ii) cases, it is readily shown that (6.32c) defined for a given  $(l, i_2, i_3, i_4) \in \Phi_1$  is equivalent to

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{1,i_2}^2 & a_{i_3,i_4}^2 \\ -a_{1,i_3}^2 & a_{i_2,i_4}^2 \\ a_{1,i_4}^2 & a_{i_2,i_3}^2 \end{bmatrix} = \lambda_{i_2 i_3 i_4} \begin{bmatrix} a_{1,i_2}^1 & a_{i_3,i_4}^1 \\ -a_{1,i_3}^1 & a_{i_2,i_4}^1 \\ a_{1,i_4}^1 & a_{i_2,i_3}^1 \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow (1, i_2, i_3, i_4) \in \Phi_1 \quad (6.32d)$$

or that  $p^2(\delta\phi_1) = \lambda_j p^1(\delta\phi_1)$  for  $\forall \delta\phi_1 \in \Delta\Phi_1$  and  $\lambda_j \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\}$ . The sufficiency follows by a mere reversion of the arguments.  $\square$

The result stated above establishes the necessary and sufficient condition for matrices of  $\mathbb{C}_n^{k \times 2}$ ,  $k \geq 4$  to be  $E_{eh}^c$ -equivalent. The property expressed by eqn(6.28) will be referred to in short as collinearity of the  $r$ -prime Plücker vector sets  $P_r^1, P_r^2$  of  $T_1, T_2$  respectively. Some interesting remarks and a corollary are stated next.

Remark (6.8): The collinearity property of  $P_r^1, P_r^2$  implies collinearity of  $P_j^1, P_j^2$  for any other  $j \in \langle k \rangle$ . Thus for testing  $E_{eh}^c$ -equivalence of  $T_1, T_2$ , it is enough to check the collinearity of  $P_1^1, P_1^2$ .

Corollary (6.2): The set of Plücker vectors  $P_r$  which correspond to any fixed index  $r \in \langle k \rangle$ , forms a complete and independent set of invariants for the following cases:

- (i) Matrices  $T \in \mathbb{C}_n^{k \times 2}$ ,  $k \geq 4$ , under  $E_{eh}^c$ -equivalence.
- (ii) Matrices  $T \in \mathbb{R}_n^{k \times 2}$ ,  $k \geq 4$ , under  $E_{eh}^r$ -equivalence.  $\square$

Note that the independence of the set  $P_r$  follows from the proof of Theorem (6.3); that is, the set  $P_r$ , or equivalently the set of conditions (6.32c) is the minimal set of conditions needed for (6.32b) to be true for all  $(1, i_1, i_2) \in Q_{3,k}^{[1]}$ . The set of parameters  $\xi_i$  and the parameter  $\delta$  are defined by the following result.

Corollary (6.3): Let  $T_1, T_2 \in \mathbb{C}_n^{k \times 2}$  ( $\mathbb{R}_n^{k \times 2}$ ),  $k \geq 4$ , and let the corresponding 1-prime Plücker vectors  $P_1^1, P_1^2$  be collinear. The scaling parameters  $\xi_i$  and the determinant  $\delta$  of the transformation  $Q$  for which  $T_1 E_{eh}^c T_2$  ( $T_1 E_{eh}^r T_2$ ) are



defined by:

(i)  $\delta \xi_1^2$  is given as the common ratio

$$\frac{a_{1,i_1}^2}{a_{1,i_1}^1} \cdot \frac{a_{1,i_2}^2}{a_{1,i_2}^1} \cdot \frac{a_{i_1,i_2}^1}{a_{i_1,i_2}^2} = \delta \xi_1^2 = c \text{ for } \forall (i_1, i_2) \in Q_{3,k}^{11} \quad (6.33a)$$

(ii) Using the value of  $\delta \xi_1$  defined by (6.33a), then

$$\xi_i = a_{1,i}^2 / a_{1,i}^1 \delta \xi_1 \text{ for } \forall i=2,3,\dots,k \quad (6.33b)$$

□

With the choice of  $\delta, \xi_i, i \in \bar{k}$  as above, the matrices  $T_2$  and  $\text{diag}\{\xi_i\}T_1$  have the same column space (since their Grassmann vectors differ by a scalar) and thus  $Q$  may be defined as the coordinate transformation  $(Q \in \mathbb{C}^{2 \times 2}, |Q| = \delta \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\})$  relating the two bases of the same space. Finally, we note the following:

**Remark (6.9):** The set of all Plücker vectors  $P$  which correspond to all indices  $i \in \bar{k}$ ,  $P \triangleq P_1 \cup P_2 \cup \dots \cup P_k$ , is a complete, but dependent set of invariants of  $T \in \mathbb{C}_n^{k \times 2}$  ( $T \in \mathbb{R}_n^{k \times 2}$ ),  $k \geq 4$  under  $E_{eh}^c$  ( $E_{eh}^r$ ) equivalence. Any subset  $P_j$  of  $P$ , which corresponds to only one index  $r \in \langle k \rangle$ , provides a complete and independent set of invariants.

### 6.5.3 A complete set of invariants for matrices of $\mathbb{C}_n^{k \times 2}$ under $E_{eh}^r$ -equivalence

The task we have originally set was the investigation of the conditions under which two matrices  $T_1, T_2 \in \mathbb{C}_n^{k \times 2}$  may be  $E_{eh}^r$  equivalent. For  $T_1, T_2 \in \mathbb{R}_n^{k \times 2}$ , Proposition (6.11) and Remark (6.7) show that if  $k \leq 3$ , then we always have that  $T_1 E_{eh}^r T_2$ ; if  $k \geq 4$ , the Corollary (6.2) shows that the set of  $r$ -prime Plücker vectors  $P_r$  is a complete and independent set of invariants for  $E_{eh}^r$ -equivalence of matrices of  $\mathbb{R}_n^{k \times 2}$ . The general case of  $E_{eh}^r$ -equivalence of matrices of  $\mathbb{C}_n^{k \times 2}$  is considered here. We first note the following.

Corollary (6.4): The set of  $r$ -prime Plücker vectors  $P_r$ ,  $r \in \langle k \rangle$  fixed, defines an independent, but not complete set of invariants for matrices of  $\mathbb{C}_n^{k \times 2}$ ,  $k \geq 4$ , under  $E_{eh}^r$ -equivalence.  $\square$

The above result is a mere consequence of the fact that a complete and independent set of invariants for matrices of  $\mathbb{C}_n^{k \times 2}$ ,  $k \geq 4$ , under  $E_{eh}^c$ -equivalence, defines necessary conditions for  $E_{eh}^r$ -equivalence, but not sufficient. Our task, therefore, is to define here the extra conditions needed for the transformation  $Q$  with a real determinant to be also real ( $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$ ). Such a study yields extra conditions and thus an additional set of invariants for  $E_{eh}^r$ -equivalence. Our study is greatly simplified by adopting the following notation.

Definition (6.4):

(i) Let  $\xi = v + jw \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $v, w \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then, a real matrix representation of  $\xi$ ,  $[\xi]_{\mathbb{R}}$ , is defined by

$$[\xi]_{\mathbb{R}} \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} v & -w \\ w & v \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2} \quad (6.34)$$

(ii) Let  $\mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C} = \{e: e = (\sigma + j\omega, -\sigma' - j\omega'), \sigma, \sigma', \omega, \omega' \in \mathbb{R}\}$ . The operation  $[\cdot]_{\mathbb{R}}: \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$  is defined for  $\forall e = (\sigma + j\omega, -\sigma' - j\omega') \in \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C}$  by

$$[e]_{\mathbb{R}} \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} \sigma & -\sigma' \\ \omega & -\omega' \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2} \quad (6.35)$$

$[e]_{\mathbb{R}}$  will be referred to as the real matrix representation of  $e$ . Every  $e = (\sigma + j\omega, -\sigma' - j\omega') \in \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C}$  defines a row vector  $\underline{e}^t = [\sigma + j\omega, -\sigma' - j\omega'] \in \mathbb{C}^{1 \times 2}$ ; the operation  $[\cdot]_{\mathbb{R}}$  on  $\underline{e}^t$  is defined in the same way as for the ordered pair (eqn(6.35)).

(iii) Let  $T = [\dots, \underline{e}_i, \dots]^t \in \mathbb{C}^{k \times 2}$ , where  $\underline{e}_i^t = [\sigma_i + j\omega_i, -\sigma'_i - j\omega'_i]$ . The real matrix representation of  $T$  is defined by

$$[T]_{\mathbb{R}} \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} \vdots \\ [e_i^t]_{\mathbb{R}} \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \vdots \\ \sigma_i & -\sigma_i' \\ \omega_i & -\omega_i' \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{2k \times 2}, i \in \tilde{k} \quad (6.36)$$

□

Within this notation, it may be readily verified that for  $\forall \xi = v + jw \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $e = (\sigma + j\omega, -\sigma' - j\omega') \in \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C}$ , then

$$[\xi, e]_{\mathbb{R}} = [\xi]_{\mathbb{R}} [e]_{\mathbb{R}} = \begin{bmatrix} v & -w \\ w & v \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma & -\sigma' \\ \omega & -\omega' \end{bmatrix} \quad (6.37)$$

Using the above property we may express  $E_{eh}^r$ -equivalence as follows:  
 $T_1 E_{eh}^r T_2$ , iff there exist  $\xi_i \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\}$ ,  $i \in \tilde{k}$ , and a  $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$ ,  $|Q| \neq 0$ , such that

$$[T_2]_{\mathbb{R}} = \text{diag}\{..., [\xi_i]_{\mathbb{R}}, ...\} [T_1]_{\mathbb{R}} Q \quad (6.38)$$

Note that (6.38) is a real representation of  $E_{eh}^r$ -equivalence and thus provides an equivalent definition for  $E_{eh}^r$ -equivalence of matrices of  $\mathbb{C}_n^{k \times 2}$ . This equivalent definition will be used in the following, for defining the extra conditions that guarantee a real  $Q$ .

Proposition (6.12): Let  $T_1, T_2 \in \mathbb{C}_n^{k \times 2}$  and let  $\xi_i = x_i + jy_i \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\}$  with  $|\delta| = 1$  be a solution of (6.26a). Necessary and sufficient condition for  $T_1 E_{eh}^r T_2$  is that either of the following conditions hold true:

$$(i) \quad g([T_2]_{\mathbb{R}}) = \varepsilon g(\text{diag}([\xi_i]_{\mathbb{R}}) [T_1]_{\mathbb{R}}), \quad \varepsilon = \pm 1 \quad (6.39a)$$

or

$$(ii) \quad g([T_2]_{\mathbb{R}}) = \varepsilon g(\bar{E} \text{diag}([\xi_i]_{\mathbb{R}}) [T_1]_{\mathbb{R}}), \quad \varepsilon = \pm 1 \quad (6.39b)$$

where  $\bar{E} = \text{diag}\{E, \dots, E\}$  and  $E = [j]_{\mathbb{R}}$ .

#### Proof

By Proposition (6.10), if  $\xi_i \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\}$ ,  $i \in \tilde{k}$ , is a solution of (6.26a) for  $|\delta| = 1$ , then any other solution with  $|\delta| = 1$  is defined by  $\xi_i' = j\xi_i$ ,  $i \in \tilde{k}$ . For a real  $Q$  to exist either of the following conditions must hold true:

$$[T_2]_{\mathbb{R}} = \text{diag}([\xi_i]_{\mathbb{R}}) [T_1]_{\mathbb{R}} Q \quad (6.40a)$$

or

$$[T_2]_{\mathbb{R}} = \text{diag}([j\xi_i]_{\mathbb{R}}) [T_1]_{\mathbb{R}} Q \quad (6.40b)$$

Note that  $[j\xi_i]_{\mathbb{R}} = [j]_{\mathbb{R}} [\xi_i]_{\mathbb{R}} = E[\xi_i]_{\mathbb{R}}$  and thus (6.40b) is equivalent to

$$[T_2]_{\mathbb{R}} = \text{diag}(E, \dots, E) \text{diag}([\xi_i]_{\mathbb{R}}) [T_1]_{\mathbb{R}} Q \quad (6.40c)$$

Necessary and sufficient condition for (6.40a), or (6.40c) to have a solution for a matrix  $Q$  is that

$$\text{col-span}_{\mathbb{R}}\{[T_2]_{\mathbb{R}}\} = \text{col-span}_{\mathbb{R}}\{\text{diag}([\xi_i]_{\mathbb{R}}) [T_1]_{\mathbb{R}}\} \quad (6.40d)$$

or

$$\text{col-span}_{\mathbb{R}}\{[T_2]_{\mathbb{R}}\} = \text{col-span}_{\mathbb{R}}\{\text{diag}(E[\xi_i]_{\mathbb{R}}) [T_1]_{\mathbb{R}}\} \quad (6.40e)$$

If either (6.40d), or (6.40e), holds true, then either  $T_2 = \text{diag}\{\xi_i\} T_1 Q$ , or  $T_2 = \text{diag}\{j\xi_i\} T_1 Q$ . However, because the  $\xi_i$ 's have been chosen with  $|\delta|=1$ , then  $|Q| = \pm 1 = \epsilon$ . Conditions (6.40d), or (6.40e), may then be translated in terms of the Grassmann vectors, by conditions (6.39a), or (6.39b), respectively. □

By combining now Propositions (6.12), (6.9) and (6.10) we obtain the necessary and sufficient conditions for matrices of  $\mathbb{C}_n^{k \times 2}$  to be  $E_{eh}^r$ -equivalent.

Proposition (6.13): Let  $T_1, T_2 \in \mathbb{C}_n^{k \times 2}$ ,  $k \geq 4$ , and let  $p_r^1, p_r^2$  be the  $r$ -prime Plücker vectors of  $T_1, T_2$  respectively defined for a fixed  $r \in \langle k \rangle$ . Necessary and sufficient conditions for  $T_1 E_{eh}^r T_2$  are:

- (i) The sets  $p_r^1$  and  $p_r^2$  are collinear.
- (ii) If  $\xi_i$  is a solution of (6.26a), with  $|\delta|=1$ , as defined by Corollary (6.3), then at least one of the following two conditions hold true

In order to check  $E_{eh}^r$ -equivalence, we compute first the Grassmann vectors,



$$g([T_2]_{\mathbb{R}}) = \varepsilon g(\text{diag}([\xi_i]_{\mathbb{R}}) [T_1]_{\mathbb{R}}), \quad \varepsilon = \pm 1 \quad (6.41a)$$

or

$$g([T_2]_{\mathbb{R}}) = \varepsilon g(\text{diag}(E[\xi_i]_{\mathbb{R}}) [T_1]_{\mathbb{R}}), \quad \varepsilon = \pm 1 \quad (6.41b)$$

where  $E=[j]_{\mathbb{R}}$  and  $\varepsilon = \pm 1$ . □

Note that condition (i) guarantees the existence of the  $\xi_i$  for  $E_{eh}^c$ -equivalence, whereas conditions (ii) guarantee that the transformation  $Q$  is real. For the case of matrices of  $\mathbb{C}_n^{k \times 2}$  with  $k=3$  we have the following result.

Corollary (6.5): Let  $T_1, T_2 \in \mathbb{C}_n^{3 \times 2}$ , and let  $g(T_1) = [a_{1,2}^1, a_{1,3}^1, a_{2,3}^1]^t$ ,  $g(T_2) = [a_{1,2}^2, a_{1,3}^2, a_{2,3}^2]^t$  and let  $D = a_{1,2}^2 a_{1,3}^2 a_{2,3}^2 / a_{1,2}^1 a_{1,3}^1 a_{2,3}^1$ ,  $\hat{q}_{1,2} = a_{1,2}^1 / a_{1,2}^2$ ,  $\hat{q}_{1,3} = a_{1,3}^1 / a_{1,3}^2$ ,  $\hat{q}_{2,3} = a_{2,3}^1 / a_{2,3}^2$ . Necessary and sufficient condition for  $T_1 \overset{r}{E_{eh}} T_2$  is that either of the following conditions hold true:

$$(i) \quad g([T_2]_{\mathbb{R}}) = \lambda g([\sqrt{D} \text{diag}\{\hat{q}_{2,3}, \hat{q}_{1,3}, \hat{q}_{1,2}\}]_{\mathbb{R}} [T_1]_{\mathbb{R}}), \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\} \quad (6.42a)$$

or

$$(ii) \quad g([T_2]_{\mathbb{R}}) = \lambda' g(\bar{E}[\sqrt{D} \text{diag}\{\hat{q}_{2,3}, \hat{q}_{1,3}, \hat{q}_{1,2}\}]_{\mathbb{R}} [T_1]_{\mathbb{R}}), \quad \lambda' \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\} \quad (6.42b)$$

where  $\bar{E} = \text{diag}(E, E, E)$  and  $E = [j]_{\mathbb{R}}$ .

The proof of the above result follows by a mere substitution of the  $\xi_i$ 's, as they are given by (6.27a) and (6.27b), and by Proposition (6.12) (note now that  $|\delta|$  is not assumed to be 1). Before we examine the cases  $k=1, 2$  we give an example to illustrate the case of  $k \geq 4$ .

Example (6.2): Let  $T_1, T_2 \in \mathbb{C}_n^{4 \times 2}$ , where

$$T_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1+j & 1-j \\ 1 & 2+j \\ 2-j & 3 \\ 1 & 1+2j \end{bmatrix}, \quad T_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 3+j & 2 \\ 9-2j & 7-j \\ 14-4j & 10-2j \\ 1+5j & 4j \end{bmatrix}$$

In order to check  $E_{eh}^r$ -equivalence, we compute first the Grassmann vectors,

i.e.

$$g(T_1) = [a_{1,2}^1, a_{1,3}^1, a_{1,4}^1, a_{2,3}^1, a_{2,4}^1, a_{3,4}^1]^t = [4j, 2+6j, -2+4j, -2, -1+j, 1+3j]^t$$

$$g(T_2) = [a_{1,2}^2, a_{1,3}^2, a_{1,4}^2, a_{2,3}^2, a_{2,4}^2, a_{3,4}^2]^t = [4+8j, 4+12j, -6+2j, -8+4j, -4+2j, -4+8j]^t$$

There is only one prime quadruple,  $\phi = (1, 2, 3, 4)$ , one prime triangle  $\delta\phi$ ,  $\delta\phi = \{(1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4), (2, 3), (2, 4), (3, 4)\}$  and thus each of  $T_1, T_2$  has one Plücker vector. These are

$$\underline{p}^1(\delta\phi) = \begin{bmatrix} a_{1,2}^1 & a_{3,4}^1 \\ -a_{1,3}^1 & a_{2,4}^1 \\ a_{1,4}^1 & a_{2,3}^1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -12+4j \\ 8+4j \\ 4-8j \end{bmatrix}, \quad \underline{p}^2(\delta\phi) = \begin{bmatrix} a_{1,2}^2 & a_{3,4}^2 \\ -a_{1,3}^2 & a_{2,4}^2 \\ a_{1,4}^2 & a_{2,3}^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -80 \\ 40+40j \\ 40-40j \end{bmatrix}$$

We can readily see that  $\underline{p}^2(\delta\phi) = (6+2j)\underline{p}^1(\delta\phi)$ ; thus  $T_1 \overset{C}{E}_{eh} T_2$  and the set of  $\xi_i$ ,  $i \in \underline{4}$  and that a  $\delta \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$  exist. If we take  $\delta = 1$ , then by Corollary (6.3) we have that  $\xi_1 = 1$ ,  $\xi_2 = 2-j$ ,  $\xi_3 = 2$ ,  $\xi_4 = 1+j$ . To check the existence of a real  $Q$  we compute  $[T_2]_{\mathbb{R}}$ ,  $[\text{diag}\{\xi_i\}]_{\mathbb{R}} [T_1]_{\mathbb{R}}$  and then the corresponding Grassmann vectors. Thus,

$$[T_2]_{\mathbb{R}} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 9 & 7 \\ -2 & -1 \\ 14 & 10 \\ -4 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad [\text{diag}\{\xi_i\} T_1]_{\mathbb{R}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 5 \\ -1 & 0 \\ 4 & 6 \\ -2 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

and it may be readily verified that  $g([T_2]_{\mathbb{R}}) = (1)g([\text{diag}\{\xi_i\} T_1]_{\mathbb{R}})$ ; the latter implies the existence of a  $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$  with  $\delta = |Q| = 1$  for which  $T_1 \overset{r}{E}_{eh} T_2$ .

The corresponding  $Q$  is

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad |Q| = \delta = 1$$

□

Proposition (6.13) gives the necessary and sufficient conditions for  $T_1, T_2 \in \mathbb{C}_n^{k \times 2}$  to be  $E_{eh}^r$ -equivalent. Note, however, that the set of conditions (ii) of the result depend upon the parameters  $\xi_i$ , the existence of which is guaranteed by part (i) of the theorem. Working out necessary and sufficient conditions which are independent from the solution parameters  $\xi_i$ , is equivalent to the problem of finding extra invariants for  $E_{eh}^r$ -equivalence, which together with the Plücker vectors form an independent and complete set. Before we proceed to the definition of the extra invariants we note:

Remark (6.10): If the pair  $p = (\sigma + j\omega, -\sigma' - j\omega')$  represents a point  $P \in \mathbb{C} - \mathbb{R}$  then

$$\det[P]_{\mathbb{R}} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma & -\sigma' \\ \omega & -\omega' \end{bmatrix} \neq 0$$

A matrix  $T \in \mathbb{C}_n^{k \times 2}$  for which the ordered pair of the elements of every row represents a point in  $\mathbb{C} - \mathbb{R}$ , will be referred to as purely complex and entirely nonsingular matrix and the set of such matrices will be denoted by  $\bar{\mathbb{C}}_n^{k \times 2}$ . Note that matrices in  $\mathbb{C}_n^{k \times 2}$  may have a row representing a point in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

The search for some extra invariants of matrices of  $T \in \mathbb{C}_n^{k \times 2}$  under  $E_{eh}^r$ -equivalence is initiated by considering the simple cases  $k=1, 2$ .

Proposition (6.14): Let  $T_1, T_2 \in \mathbb{C}_n^{k \times 2}$ . Then  $T_1 E_{eh}^r T_2$  is always true in the following cases:

- (i)  $T_1, T_2 \in \mathbb{C}_n^{1 \times 2}$
- (ii)  $T_1, T_2 \in \mathbb{R}_n^{k \times 2}$ , where  $k=1, 2, 3$ .
- (iii)  $T_1, T_2 \in \mathbb{C}_n^{2 \times 2}$ , where

$$T_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 & \beta_1 \\ \alpha_2 & \beta_2 \end{bmatrix}, T_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\alpha}_1 & \tilde{\beta}_1 \\ \tilde{\alpha}_2 & \tilde{\beta}_2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \alpha_1, \beta_1, \tilde{\alpha}_1, \tilde{\beta}_1 \in \mathbb{R}, \alpha_2, \beta_2, \tilde{\alpha}_2, \tilde{\beta}_2 \in \mathbb{C}$$

Proof The parameters in (6.43a) are defined by

The cases (i), (ii) have been already proved before.

(iii)  $T_1 E_{eh}^r T_2$  implies that  $\xi_1 \in \mathbb{R}, \xi_2 \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$  such that

$$\xi_1 [\alpha_1, \beta_1] Q = [\tilde{\alpha}_1, \tilde{\beta}_1], \quad \xi_2 [\alpha_2, \beta_2] Q = [\tilde{\alpha}_2, \tilde{\beta}_2] \quad (6.43a)$$

and by taking real representations we have

$$\xi_1 [\alpha_1, \beta_1] Q = [\tilde{\alpha}_1, \tilde{\beta}_1], \quad \begin{bmatrix} x_2 & -y_2 \\ y_2 & x_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & -\sigma_1' \\ \omega_1 & -\omega_1' \end{bmatrix} Q = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_2 & -\sigma_2' \\ \omega_2 & -\omega_2' \end{bmatrix} \quad (6.43b)$$

By solving the second of (6.43b) and substituting into the first and then

by rearranging the terms we have

$$\underbrace{\xi_1 [\alpha_1, \beta_1] \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & -\sigma_1' \\ \omega_1 & -\omega_1' \end{bmatrix}^{-1}}_{\triangleq [k_1, m_1]} = \underbrace{[\tilde{\alpha}_1, \tilde{\beta}_1] \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_2 & -\sigma_2' \\ \omega_2 & -\omega_2' \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} x_2 & -y_2 \\ y_2 & x_2 \end{bmatrix}}_{\triangleq [k_2, m_2]} \quad (6.43c)$$

or equivalently

$$[k_1, m_1] = [k_2, m_2] \begin{bmatrix} x_2 & -y_2 \\ y_2 & x_2 \end{bmatrix} \iff \begin{cases} k_2 x_2 + m_2 y_2 = k_1 \\ m_2 x_2 - k_2 y_2 = m_1 \end{cases} \quad (6.43d)$$

Note that  $(k_1, m_1), (k_2, m_2) \neq (0, 0)$  and that (6.43d) has a solution if and only if  $k_2^2 + m_2^2 \neq 0 \iff (k_2, m_2) \neq (0, 0)$ ; thus, by assuming  $\xi_1 \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$ , arbitrary, we can find  $\xi_2 = x_2 + jy_2$  by solving (6.43d). The matrix  $Q$  is then given by

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & -\sigma_1' \\ \omega_1 & -\omega_1' \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} x_2 & -y_2 \\ y_2 & x_2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_2 & -\sigma_2' \\ \omega_2 & -\omega_2' \end{bmatrix} \quad (6.43e)$$

□

Proposition (6.15): Let  $T_1, T_2 \in \mathbb{C}_n^{2 \times 2}$ ,  $[T_i]_{\mathbb{R}} = [\Sigma_1^{it}, \Sigma_2^{it}]^t$ ,  $i=1, 2$ , and let

$$M = \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc} a_2 & b_2 & a_1 & c_1 \\ b_2 & -a_2 & b_1 & d_1 \\ \hline c_2 & d_2 & c_1 & -a_1 \\ d_2 & -c_2 & d_1 & -b_1 \end{array} \right] = \begin{bmatrix} P_2^\alpha & P_1^\beta \end{bmatrix} \quad (6.44a)$$



where the parameters in  $M$  are defined by

$$A_i = \Sigma_2^i (\Sigma_1^i)^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} a_i & b_i \\ c_i & d_i \end{bmatrix}, \quad i=1,2 \quad (6.44b)$$

$T_1 E_{eh}^r T_2$ , if and only if  $|M|=0$ .

#### Proof

$T_1 E_{eh}^r T_2$  implies that  $\xi_i = x_i + jy_i \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\}$ ,  $i=1,2$  and a  $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$ ,  $|Q| \neq 0$  such that if  $Z_i = [\xi_i]_{\mathbb{R}}$ ,  $i=1,2$ , then

$$\Sigma_i^2 = Z_i \Sigma_i^1 Q, \quad i=1,2 \quad (6.45a)$$

By solving the first of (6.45a) and substituting into the second we have

$$\Sigma_2^2 (\Sigma_1^2)^{-1} Z_1 = Z_2 \Sigma_2^1 (\Sigma_1^1)^{-1} \Leftrightarrow A_2 Z_1 = Z_2 A_1 \quad (6.45b)$$

If we define by  $q = [x_1, y_1, -x_2, y_2]^T$ , then (6.45b) may be equivalently expressed as

$$Mq = 0 \quad (6.45c)$$

Clearly, a nonzero vector  $q$  exists if and only if  $|M|=0$ . Note that any vector  $q \in N_r(M)$  has the property that  $(x_i, y_i) \neq (0,0)$ ,  $i=1,2$ . Indeed, assume that  $x_1=y_1=0$ , then (6.45c) yields

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & c_1 \\ b_1 & d_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -x_2 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \quad (6.45d)$$

which however contradicts the full rank assumption of  $A_1(T_1, T_2 \in \bar{\mathbb{C}}_n^{2 \times 2})$ . For similar reasons, vectors in  $N_r(M)$  with  $x_2=y_2=0$  do not exist. The sufficiency is established by a mere reversion of the steps.  $\square$

From (6.44a) and (6.44b) it is clear that for a matrix  $T_i \in \bar{\mathbb{C}}_n^{2 \times 2}$  we may define two matrices  $P_i^\alpha, P_i^\beta \in \mathbb{R}^{4 \times 2}$ ;  $P_i^\alpha, P_i^\beta$  will be called respectively the  $\alpha$ -,  $\beta$ -characteristic matrices of  $T_i$ . If we denote the property that

$|[P_2^\alpha, P_1^\beta]|=0$  by  $P_2^\alpha \square P_1^\beta = 0$  then the conditions of Proposition (6.15) may be expressed by

$$P_2^\alpha \square P_1^\beta = P_1^\beta \square P_2^\alpha = 0 \iff P_1^\alpha \square P_2^\beta = P_2^\beta \square P_1^\alpha = 0 \quad (6.46)$$

From the above results we can state the following remark.

Remark (6.11): There always exists a  $\beta \in \text{PGL}(1, \mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R})$  that maps:

- (i) A set of one, two, or three real distinct points to any other set of one, two, or three real distinct points of  $\mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  respectively.
- (ii) A set made up from a real point and a pair of complex conjugate points to any other set made up from a real point and a pair of complex conjugate points of  $\mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$ .

Note that two distinct complex points of the  $\mathbb{C}$ -plane may not always be mapped by a  $\beta \in \text{PGL}(1, \mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R})$  to any two distinct points of the  $\mathbb{C}$ -plane. The condition under which such a mapping exists is defined by the rank deficiency of the matrix  $M$ .

Our attention is focussed next on the cases where  $k \geq 3$ . The main idea is to substitute the expressions of the  $\xi_i$ 's, as defined by Corollary (6.3), into the conditions (ii) of Theorem (6.4) and thus derive conditions for the existence of a real  $Q$ , which are independent of the  $\xi_i$ 's. For the case of  $k=3$ , Corollary (6.5) provides such conditions; however, some further rearrangement is needed for the definition of new invariants.

The expression of the  $\xi_i$ 's is given by Corollary (6.3). Note that the solution parameters in (6.33a) and (6.33b) have been expressed in terms of  $\xi_1, \delta$  and some indices  $(i_1, i_2) \in Q_{2, k-1}^{(1)}$ . Such a parametrization of the solution will be referred to as  $(1, i_1, i_2)$ -parametrization of the  $E_{eh}^c$ -equivalence parameters. Clearly, the solution parameters may be parametrized in terms of any other  $\xi_r$ ,  $r \in \langle k \rangle$  and any  $(j_1, j_2) \in Q_{2, k-1}^{(r)}$ , thus leading to an equivalent  $(r, j_1, j_2)$ -parametrization. For the sake of simplicity in the following we shall use the  $(1, i_1, i_2)$ -parametrization.

**Definition (6.5):** Let  $T \in \mathbb{C}_n^{k \times 2}$  or  $T \in \mathbb{R}_n^{k \times 2}$ ,  $k \geq 3$  and let  $a_{\omega, \omega} = (j_1, j_2) \in Q_{2, k}$  be the coordinates of  $g(T)$ .

(i) We define as the  $(1, i_1, i_2)$ -standardising matrix of  $T$ , the matrix

$$S_{1, i_1, i_2} = c_{1, i_1, i_2} \text{diag}\{a_{1, i_1, i_2} / a_{1, i_1} a_{1, i_2}, 1/a_{1, 2}, \dots, 1/a_{1, k}\} \quad (6.47a)$$

where  $(i_1, i_2) \in Q_{2, k}^{(1)}$  and

$$c_{1, i_1, i_2} = (a_{1, i_1} a_{1, i_2} / a_{1, i_1, i_2})^{1/2}, \text{ if } T \in \mathbb{C}_n^{k \times 2} \quad (6.47b)$$

$$c_{1, i_1, i_2} = (|a_{1, i_1} a_{1, i_2} / a_{1, i_1, i_2}|)^{1/2}, \text{ if } T \in \mathbb{R}_n^{k \times 2} \quad (6.47c)$$

(ii) If  $T \in \mathbb{C}_n^{k \times 2}$ , then we define as the  $(1, i_1, i_2)$ - $\mathbb{C}$ -standard form  $T_{1, i_1, i_2}$ , and as the  $(1, i_1, i_2)$ - $\mathbb{R}$ -standard form,  $F_{1, i_1, i_2}$ , of  $T$  the matrices

$$T_{1, i_1, i_2} \triangleq S_{1, i_1, i_2} T \in \mathbb{C}_n^{k \times 2}, F_{1, i_1, i_2} \triangleq [T_{1, i_1, i_2}]_{\mathbb{R}} \in \mathbb{R}^{2k \times 2} \quad (6.48)$$

If  $T \in \mathbb{R}_n^{k \times 2}$ , then the  $(1, i_1, i_2)$ - $\mathbb{R}$ -standard form of  $T$  is defined by the matrix  $T_{1, i_1, i_2} \in \mathbb{R}_n^{k \times 2}$  given by (6.48).

(iii) For a matrix  $T \in \mathbb{C}_n^{k \times 2}$ , the Grassmann vectors  $g(T_{1, i_1, i_2}) \triangleq g_{1, i_1, i_2}$  and  $g(F_{1, i_1, i_2}) \triangleq \tilde{g}_{1, i_1, i_2}$  are defined as the  $(1, i_1, i_2)$ - $\mathbb{C}$ -canonical Grassmann vector  $((1, i_1, i_2)$ - $\mathbb{C}$ -CGV) and  $(1, i_1, i_2)$ - $\mathbb{R}$ -canonical Grassmann vector  $((1, i_1, i_2)$ - $\mathbb{R}$ -CGV) of  $T$  respectively. Similarly, if  $T \in \mathbb{R}_n^{k \times 2}$ , then  $g(T_{1, i_1, i_2}) \triangleq \tilde{g}_{1, i_1, i_2}$  is defined as the  $(1, i_1, i_2)$ - $\mathbb{R}$ -canonical Grassmann vector  $((1, i_1, i_2)$ - $\mathbb{R}$ -CGV) of  $T$ . □

Clearly, similar definitions may be given with respect to any triple  $(r, i_1, i_2), r \in \langle k \rangle, (i_1, i_2) \in Q_{2, k-1}^{(r)}$ ; the corresponding  $g_{r, i_1, i_2}, \tilde{g}_{r, i_1, i_2}$  will be referred to in short as  $(r, i_1, i_2)$ - $\mathbb{C}$ -CGV,  $(r, i_1, i_2)$ - $\mathbb{R}$ -CGV respectively. Note that  $T_{r, i_1, i_2} E_{eh}^c T$  and  $T_{r, i_1, i_2} E_{eh}^r T$ . The importance of the  $T_{1, i_1, i_2}, F_{1, i_1, i_2}$  matrices and of the corresponding  $g_{1, i_1, i_2}, \tilde{g}_{1, i_1, i_2}$  for  $E_{eh}^c, E_{eh}^r$  equivalence respectively is discussed next.

Theorem (6.4): Let  $T_1, T_2 \in \mathbb{C}_n^{k \times 2}$ ,  $k \geq 3$  and let  $g_{1,i_1,i_2}^1, g_{1,i_1,i_2}^2$  be the corresponding  $(1, i_1, i_2)$ - $\mathbb{C}$ -CGV of  $T_1, T_2$  respectively. Necessary and sufficient condition for  $T_1 E_{eh}^C T_2$  is that

$$g_{1,i_1,i_2}^1 = g_{1,i_1,i_2}^2 \quad (6.49)$$

Proof

Let  $T_1 E_{eh}^C T_2$  and let  $\xi_i$  be the set of parameters expressed by Corollary (6.3) in the  $(1, i_1, i_2)$  parametric form. By substituting the  $\xi_i$ 's in  $T_2 = \text{diag}\{\xi_i\} T_1 Q$  we have that

$$T_2 = \frac{1}{\delta \xi_1} \text{diag}\{\delta \xi_1^2, \frac{a_{1,2}^2}{a_{1,2}}, \dots, \frac{a_{1,k}^2}{a_{1,k}}\} T_1 Q, \quad Q \in \mathbb{C}_n^{2 \times 2}, \quad |Q| = \delta \in \mathbb{R} \quad (6.50a)$$

where  $\delta \xi_1^2$  is given by (6.33a) and thus

$$1/\delta \xi_1 = \epsilon c_{1,i_1,i_2}^1 / c_{1,i_1,i_2}^2 \sqrt{\delta}, \quad \epsilon = \pm 1 \quad (6.50b)$$

where  $c_{1,i_1,i_2}^j$ ,  $j=1,2$  is the standardising parameter of the  $T_j$  matrix.

By (6.50a) and (6.50b), it follows that

$$c_{1,i_1,i_2}^2 T_2 = \frac{\epsilon}{\sqrt{\delta}} c_{1,i_1,i_2}^1 \text{diag}\left\{ \frac{a_{1,i_2}^1}{a_{1,i_1}^1 a_{1,i_2}^1}, \frac{a_{1,i_1}^2 a_{1,i_2}^2}{a_{1,i_1}^2 a_{1,i_2}^2}, \frac{a_{1,2}^2}{a_{1,2}}, \dots, \frac{a_{1,k}^2}{a_{1,k}} \right\} T_1 Q$$

and thus

$$T_{1,i_1,i_2}^2 = \frac{\epsilon}{\sqrt{\delta}} T_{1,i_1,i_2}^1 Q \quad (6.50c)$$

By applying the Binet-Cauchy Theorem on (6.50c) it follows that

$$g_{1,i_1,i_2}^2 = C_2 \left\{ \frac{\epsilon}{\sqrt{\delta}} T_{1,i_1,i_2}^1 Q \right\} = \frac{1}{\delta} g_{1,i_1,i_2}^1 |Q| = g_{1,i_1,i_2}^1 \quad (6.50d)$$

and this proves the necessity. To prove the sufficiency we start from

$g_{1,i_1,i_2}^2 = g_{1,i_1,i_2}^1$ . Then, given that by construction  $g_{1,i_1,i_2}^2, g_{1,i_1,i_2}^1$  are decomposable, (6.50d) implies that there exists a  $Q' \in \mathbb{C}_n^{2 \times 2}$  with  $|Q'|=1$  such



that  $T_{1,i_1,i_2}^2 = T_{1,i_1,i_2}^1 Q'$ , or that  $T_{1,i_1,i_2}^2 E_{eh}^c T_{1,i_1,i_2}^1$ . Given that  $T_{1,i_1,i_2}^2 E_{eh}^c T_{1,i_1,i_2}^1$  and  $T_{1,i_1,i_2}^1 E_{eh}^c T_{1,i_1,i_2}^2$  it follows that  $T_1 E_{eh}^c T_2$ .  $\square$

Corollary (6.6): The  $(1,i_1,i_2)$ - $\mathbb{C}$ -CGV  $g_{1,i_1,i_2}$  is a complete invariant for matrices of  $\mathbb{C}_n^{k \times 2}$ ,  $k \geq 3$ , under  $E_{eh}^c$ -equivalence.  $\square$

Remark (6.12): For all matrices  $T \in \mathbb{C}_n^{3 \times 2}$  the  $(1,2,3)$ -CGV  $g_{1,2,3}$  is given by  $g_{1,2,3} = [1,1,1]^t$  and thus all matrices of  $\mathbb{C}_n^{3 \times 2}$  are  $E_{eh}^c$ -equivalent. This provides an alternative proof for Proposition (6.11). For such class of matrices  $g_{1,2,3}$  is not an essential invariant, since all elements of the set possess this property.

Remark (6.13): The  $(1,i_1,i_2)$ - $\mathbb{C}$ -CGV  $g_{1,i_1,i_2}$ , or any  $g_{r,i_1,i_2}$  vector, is an equivalent complete invariant for  $E_{eh}^c$ -equivalence to that defined by the set of  $r$ -prime Plücker vectors  $P_r$ .

Theorem (6.5) applies also to the case of  $E_{eh}^r$ -equivalence of real matrices. Thus, we have:

Corollary (6.7): Let  $T_1, T_2 \in \mathbb{R}_n^{k \times 2}$ ,  $k \geq 4$ , and let  $\tilde{g}_{1,i_1,i_2}^1, \tilde{g}_{1,i_1,i_2}^2$  be the  $(1,i_1,i_2)$ - $\mathbb{R}$ -CGV of  $T_1, T_2$  respectively. Necessary and sufficient condition for  $T_1 E_{eh}^r T_2$  is that

$$\tilde{g}_{1,i_1,i_2}^2 = \epsilon \tilde{g}_{1,i_1,i_2}^1, \quad \epsilon = \pm 1 \quad (6.51)$$

where (6.51) holds with "+", "-", if and only if  $T_1 E_{eh}^r T_2$  with a  $Q \in \mathbb{R}_n^{2 \times 2}$  and such that  $|Q| > 0, |Q| < 0$  correspondingly.

### Proof

By following similar arguments as in the proof of Theorem (6.4), we obtain a modified form of eqn(6.50c) as

$$T_{1,i_1,i_2}^2 = \frac{\epsilon}{\sqrt{|\delta|}} T_{1,i_1,i_2}^1 Q \quad (6.52a)$$

By applying the Binet-Cauchy theorem we have that

$$\tilde{g}_{1,i_1,i_2}^2 = C_2 \left( \frac{\varepsilon}{\sqrt{|\delta|}} T_{1,i_1,i_2}^1 Q \right) = \frac{1}{|\delta|} \tilde{g}_{1,i_1,i_2}^1 |Q| = \varepsilon \tilde{g}_{1,i_1,i_2}^1 \quad (6.25b)$$

Clearly, if  $\delta > 0$  then (6.51) holds with "+", and if  $\delta < 0$  it holds with "-".

The sufficiency follows by a mere reversion of the arguments as in

Theorem (6.4). □

Remark (6.14): The  $(1, i_1, i_2)$ -R-CGV for matrices of  $\mathbb{R}_n^{k \times 2}$ ,  $k \geq 4$  is a complete invariant for  $E_{eh}^r$ -equivalence modulo  $\varepsilon$ , where  $\varepsilon = +1, -1$  if and only if  $E_{eh}^r$ -equivalence is defined with  $|Q| > 0, |Q| < 0$  respectively transformations.

The role of the  $(r, i_1, i_2)$ -R-CGV for  $E_{eh}^r$ -equivalence defined on matrices of  $\mathbb{C}_n^{k \times 3}$  is examined next. We may state the following:

Theorem (6.5): Let  $T_1, T_2 \in \mathbb{C}_3^{k \times 2}$ ,  $k \geq 3$ , and let  $\tilde{g}_{1,i_1,i_2}^1, \tilde{g}_{1,i_1,i_2}^2$  be the  $(1, i_1, i_2)$ -R-CGV of  $T_1, T_2$  respectively. Necessary and sufficient condition for  $T_1 E_{eh}^r T_2$  is that either of the following conditions hold true:

$$(i) \quad \tilde{g}_{1,i_1,i_2}^2 = \tilde{g}_{1,i_1,i_2}^1 \quad (6.53a)$$

or

$$(ii) \quad \tilde{g}_{1,i_1,i_2}^2 = -C_2(\bar{E}) \tilde{g}_{1,i_1,i_2}^1 \quad (6.53b)$$

where  $\bar{E} = \text{diag}\{E, \dots, E\}$  and  $E = [j]_{\mathbb{R}}$ .

#### Proof

Assume  $T_1 E_{eh}^r T_2$ . By using similar arguments as in the proof of Theorem (6.4) we obtain eqn(6.50c), i.e.

$$T_{1,i_1,i_2}^2 = \frac{\varepsilon}{\sqrt{\delta}} T_{1,i_1,i_2}^1 Q, \quad |Q| = \delta \quad (6.54a)$$

(i) If  $T_1 E_{eh}^r T_2$  with  $|Q| > 0$ , then (6.54a) implies that

$$F_{1,i_1,i_2}^2 = \frac{\varepsilon}{\sqrt{\delta}} F_{1,i_1,i_2}^1 Q \quad (6.54b)$$

where  $F_{1,i_1,i_2}^i = [T_{1,i_1,i_2}^i]_{\mathbb{R}}$ ,  $i=1,2$ . By the Binet-Cauchy Theorem we have that

$$\tilde{g}_{1,i_1,i_2}^2 = C_2\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{\sqrt{\delta}} F_{1,i_1,i_2}^1 Q\right) = \frac{1}{\delta} \tilde{g}_{1,i_1,i_2}^1 |Q| = \tilde{g}_{1,i_1,i_2}^1 \quad (6.54c)$$

(ii) If  $T_1 E_{eh}^r T_2$  with  $|Q| < 0$ , then  $\sqrt{\delta} = j\sqrt{-\delta}$  and  $1/\sqrt{\delta} = -j/\sqrt{-\delta}$ . Thus, (6.54b) implies

$$F_{1,i_1,i_2}^2 = \frac{\varepsilon}{\sqrt{-\delta}} \bar{E} F_{1,i_1,i_2}^1 Q \quad (6.54d)$$

where  $\bar{E} = \text{diag}\{E, \dots, E\}$ ,  $E = [j]_{\mathbb{R}}$ . By the Binet-Cauchy Theorem, it follows that

$$\tilde{g}_{1,i_1,i_2}^2 = C_2\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{\sqrt{-\delta}} \bar{E} F_{1,i_1,i_2}^1 Q\right) = \frac{1}{(-\delta)} C_2(\bar{E}) \tilde{g}_{1,i_1,i_2}^1 |Q| = -C_2(\bar{E}) \tilde{g}_{1,i_1,i_2}^1 \quad (6.54e)$$

To prove sufficiency assume that (6.54c) or (6.54e) hold true. Then, by the decomposability of  $\tilde{g}_{1,i_1,i_2}^2, \tilde{g}_{1,i_1,i_2}^1$  and  $C_2(\bar{E})$  we have that

$$(6.54c) \Leftrightarrow F_{1,i_1,i_2}^2 = F_{1,i_1,i_2}^1 Q' \text{ with } Q' \in \mathbb{R}_n^{2 \times 2} \text{ and } |Q'| = 1 \quad (6.54f)$$

$$(6.54e) \Leftrightarrow F_{1,i_1,i_2}^2 = \bar{E} F_{1,i_1,i_2}^1 Q' \text{ with } Q' \in \mathbb{R}_n^{2 \times 2} \text{ and } |Q'| = -1 \quad (6.54g)$$

However, by translating (6.54f) and (6.54g) into the complex form we have:

$$(6.54f) \Leftrightarrow T_{1,i_1,i_2}^2 = T_{1,i_1,i_2}^1 Q', \quad |Q'| = 1 \quad (6.54h)$$

$$(6.54g) \Leftrightarrow T_{1,i_1,i_2}^2 = j T_{1,i_1,i_2}^1 Q', \quad |Q'| = -1 \quad (6.54k)$$

Both of the above cases imply that  $T_{1,i_1,i_2}^2 E_{eh}^r T_{1,i_1,i_2}^1$  and thus  $T_1 E_{eh}^r T_2$ .  $\square$

**Corollary (6.8):** The  $(1, i_1, i_2)$ - $\mathbb{R}$ -CGV,  $\tilde{g}_{1,i_1,i_2}$ , of  $T \in \mathbb{C}_n^{k \times 2}$ , or any other  $(r, j_1, j_2)$ - $\mathbb{R}$ -CGV  $\tilde{g}_{r,j_1,j_2}$ , is a complete invariant modulo  $I_{(2k)}^{(2)}$ , or modulo  $-C_2(\bar{E})$ , for  $E_{eh}^r$ -equivalence. In particular:

$$(i) \quad \tilde{g}_{1,i_1,i_2}^2 = \tilde{g}_{1,i_1,i_2}^1 \text{ for } \beta \in \text{PGL}(1, \mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R}) \text{ with } |Q| > 0$$

$$(ii) \quad \tilde{g}_{1,i_1,i_2}^2 = -C_2(\bar{E}) \tilde{g}_{1,i_1,i_2}^1 \text{ for } \beta \in \text{PGL}(1, \mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R}) \text{ with } |Q| < 0$$

**Remark (6.15):** The set of  $r$ -prime Plücker vectors  $P_r$ , or equivalently the  $(r, i_1, i_2)$ - $\mathbb{C}$ -CGV,  $g_{r,i_1,i_2}$ , are dependent invariants on the  $(r, i_1, i_2)$ - $\mathbb{R}$ -CGV

$\tilde{g}_{r,i_1,i_2}$  for  $E_{eh}^r$ -equivalence. Thus, for the characterisation of  $E_{eh}^r$ -equivalence we need only one complete invariant, the  $\tilde{g}_{r,i_1,i_2}$  vector, for some  $r \in \langle k \rangle$  and  $(i_1, i_2) \in Q_{2,k-1}^{(r)}$  fixed.

Note that the vectors  $g_{r,i_1,i_2}$  and  $\tilde{g}_{r,i_1,i_2}$  uniquely characterise families of matrices  $\{T_{r,i_1,i_2}\}$  and  $\{F_{r,i_1,i_2}\}, \{\bar{E}F_{r,i_1,i_2}\}$  with the properties:

$$T'_{r,i_1,i_2} = T_{r,i_1,i_2} Q, \quad |Q|=1, \quad \forall T'_{r,i_1,i_2} \in \{T_{r,i_1,i_2}\} \quad (6.55)$$

$$\begin{cases} F'_{r,i_1,i_2} = F_{r,i_1,i_2} Q, \quad |Q|=1, \quad \forall F'_{r,i_1,i_2} \in \{F_{r,i_1,i_2}\} \\ F'_{r,i_1,i_2} = \bar{E}F_{r,i_1,i_2} Q, \quad |Q|=-1, \quad \forall F'_{r,i_1,i_2} \in \{\bar{E}F_{r,i_1,i_2}\} \end{cases} \quad (6.56)$$

The vector spaces  $\text{span}_{\mathbb{C}}\{T_{r,i_1,i_2}\} \stackrel{\Delta}{=} T_{r,i_1,i_2}$  and  $\text{span}_{\mathbb{R}}\{F_{r,i_1,i_2}\} \stackrel{\Delta}{=} F_{r,i_1,i_2}$ ,  $\text{span}_{\mathbb{R}}\{\bar{E}F_{r,i_1,i_2}\} \stackrel{\Delta}{=} F_{r,i_1,i_2}^*$  are invariant under  $E_{eh}^c$ -,  $E_{eh}^r$ -equivalence and are defined as the  $E_{eh}^c$ -, and  $E_{eh}^r$ -equivalence characteristic spaces of  $T$  respectively. The interpretation of the  $g_{r,i_1,i_2}, \tilde{g}_{r,i_1,i_2}$  on the corresponding  $(r, i_1, i_2)$ - $\mathbb{C}$ -,  $\mathbb{R}$ -standard forms leads to the following result, that concludes this section.

**Corollary (6.9):** Let  $T_1, T_2 \in \mathbb{C}^{k \times 2}$ ,  $k \geq 3$ , and let  $\{T_{r,i_1,i_2}^1, F_{r,i_1,i_2}^1\}$ ,  $\{T_{r,i_1,i_2}^2, F_{r,i_1,i_2}^2\}$  be the  $(r, i_1, i_2)$ - $\mathbb{C}$ -,  $\mathbb{R}$ -standard forms of  $T_1, T_2$  respectively. Then

- (i)  $T_1 E_{eh}^c T_2$ , iff  $T_{r,i_1,i_2}^1 E_{r,i_1,i_2}^c T_{r,i_1,i_2}^2$  with  $|Q|=1$  (right complex equivalent).
- (ii)  $T_1 E_{eh}^r T_2$ , iff  $F_{r,i_1,i_2}^1 E_{r,i_1,i_2}^r F_{r,i_1,i_2}^2$  with  $|Q|=1$ , or  $\bar{E}F_{r,i_1,i_2}^1 E_{r,i_1,i_2}^r F_{r,i_1,i_2}^2$  with  $|Q|=-1$  (right real equivalent).

□

## 6.6 A complete set of invariants of homogeneous binary polynomials under projective equivalence

The necessary and sufficient conditions for  $f(s, \hat{s}), \tilde{f}(\lambda, \hat{\lambda}) \in \mathbb{R}_d\{\theta\}$  to be  $E_p$  equivalent, have been given by Theorem (6.2); in this result the notion of  $E_{eh}^r$ -equivalence is of crucial importance. The characterisation of the



$E_{eh}^r(T)$ ,  $T \in \mathbb{C}_n^{k \times 2}$ , by a complete set of invariants provides the basis for defining a complete set of invariants for  $E_p(f)$  and thus for  $E_p(F)$ .

Theorem (6.1) may then be used for the derivation of a complete set of invariants for the  $E_{H-B}(F, G)$  equivalence class. In this section, the cases of  $E_p(f)$  and  $E_p(F)$  equivalence classes are considered here. The original problem, the study of invariants of  $E_{H-B}(F, G)$  is examined in the next section. We first define the following:

**Definition (6.6):** Let  $f(s, \hat{s}) \in \mathbb{R}_k\{\theta\}$ ,  $B(f) = \{B_{\mathbb{R}}(f); B_{\mathbb{C}}(f)\}$  and let  $\mu \triangleq \#B_{\mathbb{R}}(f)$ ,  $\nu \triangleq \#B_{\mathbb{C}}(f)$  ( $\#$  denotes the number of elements of the corresponding set). Let us also assume that  $\pi \in \langle B_{\mathbb{R}}(f) \rangle$ ,  $\pi' \in \langle B_{\mathbb{C}}(f) \rangle$  and that

$$T_{\pi, \pi'} = [B^{\pi, \pi'}(f)] = \begin{bmatrix} [B_{\mathbb{R}}^{\pi}(f)] \\ [B_{\mathbb{C}}^{\pi'}(f)] \end{bmatrix} \quad (6.57)$$

is the  $(\pi, \pi')$ -basis matrix of  $f(s, \hat{s})$ . We may define:

- (i)  $T(f) \triangleq \{T_{\pi, \pi'} : \forall \pi \in \langle B_{\mathbb{R}}(f) \rangle, \forall \pi' \in \langle B_{\mathbb{C}}(f) \rangle\}$  as the family of matrix representations of  $B(f)$ , or of  $f(s, \hat{s})$ . The ordered pair  $(\mu, \nu)$  will be referred to as the order of  $B(f)$ , or of  $f(s, \hat{s})$ .
- (ii) If  $\mu + \nu \geq 3$ ,  $T_{\pi, \pi'} \in T(f)$ ,  $r \in \langle \mu + \nu \rangle$ ,  $(i_1, i_2) \in Q_{2, \mu + \nu - 1}^r$ , then the  $(r, i_1, i_2)$ - $\mathbb{R}$ -CGV of  $T_{\pi, \pi'}$ ,  $\tilde{g}_{r, i_1, i_2}^{\pi, \pi'}$ , is well defined and shall be referred to as the  $(\pi, \pi')$ -( $r, i_1, i_2$ )- $\mathbb{R}$ -canonical-Grassmann vector  $((\pi, \pi')$ -( $r, i_1, i_2$ )- $\mathbb{R}$ -CGV) of  $f(s, \hat{s})$ . The set of all such vectors

$$G_f \triangleq \{\tilde{g}_{r, i_1, i_2}^{\pi, \pi'} : \forall \pi \in \langle B_{\mathbb{R}}(f) \rangle, \forall \pi' \in \langle B_{\mathbb{C}}(f) \rangle, \forall r \in \langle \mu + \nu \rangle \text{ and } \forall (i_1, i_2) \in Q_{2, \mu + \nu - 1}^r\} \quad (6.58)$$

is well defined and shall be called the  $\mathbb{R}$ -canonical Grassmann vector set ( $\mathbb{R}$ -CGVS) of  $f(s, \hat{s})$ . □

Note that the set  $G_f$  is completely defined by an element  $\tilde{g}_{r, i_1, i_2}^{\pi, \pi'}$ . In fact,  $\tilde{g}_{r, i_1, i_2}^{\pi, \pi'}$  defines a family of  $(r, i_1, i_2)$ -standardised matrices

$\{T_{\pi, \pi'}^{r, i_1, i_2}\}$  which are right equivalent with transformations  $Q$ , having  $|Q|=1$ . From any  $T \in \{T_{\pi, \pi'}^{r, i_1, i_2}\}$ , we may construct all other elements of  $G_f$ ; this is why any  $g_{r, i_1, i_2}^{\pi, \pi'}$  may be referred to as a generator of  $G_f$ .

With the above definitions in mind, we may now state the conditions for  $E_P$ -equivalence of elements of  $R_d\{\theta\}$ . The simple cases are examined first.

Proposition (6.16): Let  $f(s, \hat{s}) \in R_d\{\theta\}$ ,  $B(f) = \{B_R(f), B_U(f)\}$ ,  $J_R(f), J_U(f)$  be the sets associated with  $f(s, \hat{s})$  and let  $(\mu, \nu)$  be the order of  $f(s, \hat{s})$ . The sets  $J_R(f), J_U(f)$  and the order  $(\mu, \nu)$  form a complete set of invariants for  $E_P(f)$  in the following cases:

- (i)  $(\mu, \nu) = (1, 0), (\mu, \nu) = (2, 0), (\mu, \nu) = (3, 0)$
- (ii)  $(\mu, \nu) = (0, 1), (\mu, \nu) = (1, 1)$  □

The proof of the above result readily follows by Theorem (6.2) and Proposition (6.14). For polynomials with  $(\mu, \nu) = (0, 2)$ ,  $B(f) = B_U(f)$  and  $J(f) = J_U(f)$ ; thus, if  $B_U(f) = \{(\gamma_1, \delta_1; p_1), (\gamma_2, \delta_2; p_2), p_1 \leq p_2\}$ ,  $J_U(f) = \{(p_1, 1), (p_2, 1)\}$  and if we denote by  $e_i = (\gamma_i, \delta_i)$ ,  $[e_i]_R = \Sigma_i$ ,  $i=1, 2$  and by

$$A = \Sigma_2 \Sigma_1^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}, \quad \bar{A} = \Sigma_1 \Sigma_2^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{a} & \bar{b} \\ \bar{c} & \bar{d} \end{bmatrix} \quad (6.59)$$

then we may define the following characteristic matrices of  $f$ :

$$P^\alpha = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b & -a \\ c & d \\ d & -c \end{bmatrix}, \quad P^\beta = \begin{bmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \\ c & -a \\ d & -b \end{bmatrix}, \quad P^{\bar{\alpha}} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{a} & \bar{b} \\ \bar{b} & -\bar{a} \\ \bar{c} & \bar{d} \\ \bar{d} & -\bar{c} \end{bmatrix}, \quad P^{\bar{\beta}} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{a} & \bar{c} \\ \bar{b} & \bar{d} \\ \bar{c} & -\bar{a} \\ \bar{d} & -\bar{b} \end{bmatrix} \quad (6.60)$$

The above matrices will be referred to as the  $\alpha$ -,  $\beta$ -,  $\bar{\alpha}$ -,  $\bar{\beta}$ -characteristic matrices of  $f(s, \hat{s})$  and they are matrices of  $\mathbb{R}^{4 \times 2}$ . If  $T_1, T_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{4 \times 2}$ , then the property described by  $[T_1, T_2] = 0$  is denoted by  $T_1 \square T_2 = 0$ . With these definitions in mind, we may state the following result:

Proposition (6.17): Let  $f_1, f_2 \in \mathbb{R}_d\{\theta\}$ ,  $(\mu, \nu) = (0, 2)$  and let  $J_{\mathbb{C}}(f_i) = \{(p_1^i, 1), (p_2^i, 1)\}$  and  $P_i^\alpha, P_i^\beta, \bar{P}_i^\alpha, \bar{P}_i^\beta$ ,  $i=1, 2$ , be the corresponding complex list and characteristic matrices of  $f_i$ . Necessary and sufficient conditions for  $f_i E_P f_2$  are:

- (i)  $J_{\mathbb{C}}(f_1) = J_{\mathbb{C}}(f_2)$ .
- (ii) (α) If  $p_1^1 < p_2^1$ , then  $P_1^\beta \square P_2^\alpha = 0$ .
- (β) If  $p_1^1 = p_2^1$ , then either  $P_1^\beta \square P_2^\alpha = 0$ , or  $\bar{P}_1^\beta \square \bar{P}_2^\alpha = 0$ . □

The proof readily follows by Theorem (6.2) and Proposition (6.15). Our attention is focussed next on the general case, which is not covered by Propositions (6.16) and (6.17). A polynomial of  $\mathbb{R}_d\{\theta\}$  for which the order  $(\mu, \nu)$  is different from  $(1, 0), (2, 0), (3, 0), (0, 1), (1, 1)$  and  $(0, 2)$  will be referred to as a general order polynomial. For such elements of  $\mathbb{R}_d\{\theta\}$  we have the following result:

Theorem (6.6): Let  $f(s, \hat{s}) \in \mathbb{R}_d\{\theta\}$  be a general order polynomial and let  $B(f) = \{B_{\mathbb{R}}(f), B_{\mathbb{C}}(f)\}$ ,  $J(f) = \{J_{\mathbb{R}}(f), J_{\mathbb{C}}(f)\}$  and  $G_f$  be the sets associated with  $f(s, \hat{s})$ . A complete set of invariants for the  $E_P(f)$ -equivalence class is defined by:

- (i)  $J_{\mathbb{R}}(f), J_{\mathbb{C}}(f)$ .
- (ii)  $G_f$ , or  $G_f$  modulo  $-C_2(\bar{E})$ , where  $\bar{E} = \text{diag}\{E, \dots, E\}$  and  $E = [j]_{\mathbb{R}}$ .

#### Proof

If  $f_1, f_2 \in \mathbb{R}_d\{\theta\}$  are two general order polynomials and  $f_1 E_P f_2$ , then by Theorem (6.2) we have that  $(\mu_1, \nu_1) = (\mu_2, \nu_2)$ ,  $J_{\mathbb{R}}(f_1) = J_{\mathbb{R}}(f_2)$ ,  $J_{\mathbb{C}}(f_1) = J_{\mathbb{C}}(f_2)$  and there exist  $\pi_i(B_{\mathbb{R}}(f_i)), \pi_i'(B_{\mathbb{C}}(f_i))$ ,  $i=1, 2$ , such that  $T_{\pi_2, \pi_2'}^2 = \text{diag}\{\xi_i\} T_{\pi_1, \pi_1'}^1 Q$ , where  $\xi_i \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\}$  and  $Q \in \mathbb{R}_n^{2 \times 2}$ .

By the last condition ( $E_{\text{eh}}^r$ -equivalence of  $T_{\pi_1, \pi_1'}^1, T_{\pi_2, \pi_2'}^2$ ) and by Theorem (6.5) it follows that

$$\tilde{g}_{r, i_1, i_2}^{\pi_2, \pi_2'} = \tilde{g}_{r, i_1, i_2}^{\pi_1, \pi_1'} \quad \text{or} \quad -C_2(\bar{E}) \tilde{g}_{r, i_1, i_2}^{\pi_1, \pi_1'} \quad (6.61)$$

Note that eqn(6.61) holds true for all  $(r, i_1, i_2)$ ; furthermore,

$T_{\pi_1, \pi'_1}^1 E_{eh}^r T_{\pi_2, \pi'_2}^2$  implies that for  $\forall (\tilde{\pi}_1, \tilde{\pi}'_1)$  we may find a suitable  $(\tilde{\pi}_2, \tilde{\pi}'_2)$  for which  $T_{\tilde{\pi}_1, \tilde{\pi}'_1}^1 E_{eh}^r T_{\tilde{\pi}_2, \tilde{\pi}'_2}^2$ ; thus, by (6.61),  $G_{f_1} = G_{f_2}$  or  $G_{f_1} = G_{f_2} \pmod{-C_2(\bar{E})}$ .

This proves the necessity (invariance). To prove the sufficiency

(completeness) assume  $J_{\mathbb{R}}(f_1) = J_{\mathbb{R}}(f_2)$ ,  $J_{\mathbb{C}}(f_1) = J_{\mathbb{C}}(f_2)$  and that  $G_{f_1} = G_{f_2}$ , or  $G_{f_1} = G_{f_2} \pmod{-C_2(\bar{E})}$ . The last condition implies that there exists a one to

one correspondence between the elements of  $G_{f_1}, G_{f_2}$  which is expressed by

eqn(6.61). Choose an  $(r, i_1, i_2)$ , and pairs  $(\pi_1, \pi'_1), (\pi_2, \pi'_2)$  for which the

(6.61) type relations hold true. Then by Theorem (6.5) we have that

$T_{\pi_1, \pi'_1}^1 E_{eh}^r T_{\pi_2, \pi'_2}^2$  and by Theorem (6.2) the completeness is established.  $\square$

**Remark (6.16):** If  $G_{f_1}, G_{f_2}$  are two  $\mathbb{R}$ -CGVS,  $g_1 \in G_{f_1}$ ,  $g_2 \in G_{f_2}$  and either  $g_2 = g_1$ , or  $g_2 = -C_2(\bar{E})g_1$ , then  $G_{f_2} = G_{f_1}$  or  $G_{f_2} = G_{f_1} \pmod{-C_2(\bar{E})}$  respectively. Thus, two sets  $G_{f_1}, G_{f_2}$  are equal, or  $\pmod{-C_2(\bar{E})}$  equal, if and only if they have a common, or  $\pmod{-C_2(\bar{E})}$  common point correspondingly.  $\square$

In a manner similar to that described for the construction of  $G_f$ , we may construct the set of all  $(\pi, \pi') - (r, i_1, i_2) - \mathbb{C}$ -CGVS,  $g_{r, i_1, i_2}^{\pi, \pi'}$ , which shall be denoted by  $\bar{G}_f$ . For every  $T_{\pi, \pi'} \in T(f)$ , we may also construct the set of all  $r$ -prime Plücker vectors,  $p^{\pi, \pi'}$ , by  $p^{\pi, \pi'} = \bigcup_{i=1}^k p_i^{\pi, \pi'}$ , where  $p_i^{\pi, \pi'}$  is the  $i$ -prime Plücker vector set, where  $k = \mu + \nu$ . Then, the set

$$p^* = \bigcup_{\pi, \pi'} p^{\pi, \pi'}, \text{ for } \forall \pi \in \langle B_{\mathbb{R}}(f) \rangle, \forall \pi' \in \langle B_{\mathbb{C}}(f) \rangle \quad (6.62)$$

will be called the Plücker-vector set of  $f(s, \hat{s})$ . For polynomials with real roots we have the following result:

**Corollary (6.10):** Let  $f(s, \hat{s}) \in \mathbb{R}_d \setminus \{0\}$  be a general order polynomial with real roots and let  $B(f) = B_{\mathbb{R}}(f)$ ,  $J(f) = J_{\mathbb{R}}(f)$ ,  $G_f$  and  $p_f^*$  be the sets associated with  $f(s, \hat{s})$ . A complete set of invariants for  $E_p(f)$ -equivalence class is defined by:

(i)  $J_{\mathbb{R}}(f)$ .



(ii)  $G_f$  modulo  $\pm 1$ , or equivalently  $P_f^*$  modulo collinearity of the corresponding vectors.

The proof of the above result follows immediately by Theorem (6.2), Corollary (6.7) and from the equivalence of the set of  $r$ -prime Plücker vectors  $P_r$ , to the  $(r, i_1, i_2)$ - $\mathbb{R}$ -CGV  $\mathcal{G}_{r, i_1, i_2}$ , established by Corollary (6.6).

Remark (6.17): If  $P_1^*, P_2^*$  are two sets of Plücker vector sets,  $P_1^{\pi, \pi'} \in P_1^*$ ,  $P_2^{\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{\pi}'} \in P_2^*$  and  $P_1^{\pi, \pi'}, P_2^{\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{\pi}'}$  collinear, then  $P_1^*, P_2^*$  are collinear. Thus,  $P_1^*, P_2^*$  are equal modulo collinearity of the corresponding vectors, if and only if they have a common (modulo collinearity of the corresponding vectors) vector set  $P_1^{\pi, \pi'} = P_2^{\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{\pi}'} = P^{\pi, \pi'}$ .

We may illustrate the notion of  $E_p$ -equivalence on  $\mathbb{R}_d\{\theta\}$  by the following example.

Example (6.3): Let  $f(s, \hat{s}), \tilde{f}(\lambda, \hat{\lambda}) \in \mathbb{R}_5\{\theta\}$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} f(s, \hat{s}) &= (s-3\hat{s})^2(s-2\hat{s})(2s-3\hat{s})(s-4\hat{s}) \\ \tilde{f}(\lambda, \hat{\lambda}) &= (4\lambda-11\hat{\lambda})^2(6\lambda-16\hat{\lambda})(15\lambda-39\hat{\lambda})(20\lambda-56\hat{\lambda}) \end{aligned}$$

We shall examine whether  $f(s, \hat{s}) E_p \tilde{f}(\lambda, \hat{\lambda})$ . Given that both polynomials have real roots, the UFS of  $f(s, \hat{s})$  and  $\tilde{f}(\lambda, \hat{\lambda})$  are given by

$$B(f) = B_{\mathbb{R}}(f) = \{(1, 2; 1), (2, 3; 1)(1, 4; 1); (1, 3; 2)\} \quad (6.63a)$$

$$B(\tilde{f}) = B_{\mathbb{R}}(\tilde{f}) = \{(6, 16; 1), (15, 39; 1), (20, 56; 1), (4, 11; 2)\}$$

and thus

$$J_{\mathbb{R}}(f) = \{(3, 1), (1, 2)\} = J_{\mathbb{R}}(\tilde{f}) \quad (6.63b)$$

Since the first of the two conditions of Corollary (6.10) is satisfied, we proceed to the checking of the second. Select the following permutations from  $B(f)$  and  $B(\tilde{f})$ :

$$\pi(B(f)) = \{(1,2;1), (1,4;1), (2,3;1); (1,3;2)\} \quad (6.63c)$$

$$\pi'(B(\tilde{f})) = \{(6,16;1), (15,39;1), (20,56;1); (4,11;2)\}$$

Then,

$$T_1^\pi = [\pi(B(f))] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad T_2^{\pi'} = [\pi'(B(\tilde{f}))] = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 16 \\ 15 & 39 \\ 20 & 56 \\ 4 & 11 \end{bmatrix} \quad (6.63d)$$

Let  $r=1 \in \langle 4 \rangle$ . Then there exists one quadruple  $\phi=(1,2,3,4)$  based on 1 and so one prime triangle  $\delta\phi_1=\{(1,2), (1,3), (1,4), (2,3), (2,4), (3,4)\}$ . The corresponding Grassmann vectors for  $T_1^\pi, T_2^{\pi'}$  are:

$$\underline{g}(T_1^\pi) = [2, -1, 1, -5, -1, 3]^t, \quad \underline{g}(T_2^{\pi'}) = [-6, 16, 2, 60, 9, -4]^t \quad (6.63e)$$

and thus the Plücker vectors for  $r=1$  are

$$p_1^\pi(\delta\phi_1) = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ -1 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}, \quad p_2^{\pi'}(\delta\phi_1) = \begin{bmatrix} 24 \\ -144 \\ 120 \end{bmatrix} = -24 \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 6 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad (6.63f)$$

Thus, since  $p_1^\pi(\delta\phi_1) \neq \lambda p_2^{\pi'}(\delta\phi_1)$ , the matrices  $T_1^\pi, T_2^{\pi'}$  are not  $E_{eh}^r$ -equivalent. Eqn(6.63f), however, suggests that there may exist a different permutation on  $B(\tilde{f})$  for which  $E_{eh}^r$  may be established. Thus, let us take

$$\pi''(B(\tilde{f})) = \{(6,15;1), (20,56;1), (15,39;1); (4,11;2)\} \quad (6.63g)$$

Then,

$$T_2^{\pi''} = [\pi''(B(\tilde{f}))] = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 16 \\ 20 & 56 \\ 15 & 39 \\ 4 & 11 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \underline{g}(T_2^{\pi''}) = [16, -6, 2, -60, -4, 9]^t \quad (6.63h)$$

and thus

$$P_2^{\pi''}(\delta\phi_1) = \begin{bmatrix} 144 \\ -24 \\ -120 \end{bmatrix} = 24P_1^{\pi}(\delta\phi_1) \quad (6.63k)$$

The above condition establishes the collinearity for the ordered pair  $(\pi, \pi'')$  of permutations; thus  $T_1^{\pi} E_{eh}^r T_2^{\pi''}$  and  $f(s, \hat{s}) E_p \tilde{f}(\lambda, \hat{\lambda})$ .  $\square$

The characterisation of the  $E_p(f)$ -equivalence class by a complete set of invariants, provides also a solution to the general linear mapping problem. In fact, the UFS  $B(f)$  of an  $f(s) \in \mathbb{R}_d\{\theta\}$  defines a general symmetric set points  $\zeta$  of  $\mathbb{C}U\{\infty\}$ , where the list  $J(f)$  defines the corresponding multiplicities of the distinct points of  $\zeta$ . Because of this observation we have:

Remark (6.12): The general linear mapping problem is equivalent to the study of complete invariants of polynomials of  $\mathbb{R}_d\{\theta\}$  under  $E_p$ -equivalence. The necessary and sufficient conditions for  $f_1 E_p f_2$ ,  $f_1, f_2 \in \mathbb{R}_d\{\theta\}$ , are also necessary and sufficient conditions for the solution of the GLMP, since every symmetric point set  $\zeta$  may be considered as the UFS of some  $f \in \mathbb{R}_d\{\theta\}$ .  $\square$

The results obtained so far for  $E_p$ -equivalence of an  $f(s, \hat{s}) \in \mathbb{R}_d\{\theta\}$  are extended next to the case of a set of polynomials. Of special interest are sets of binary polynomials ordered by the divisibility property. The study of  $E_p$ -equivalence on such sets allows the connection of the results of Section (6.3) with those of (6.5) and thus yield a complete set of invariants of matrix pencils under  $E_{H-B}$ -equivalence.

Let  $J = \{d_i : i \in \rho, d_1 \leq d_2 \leq \dots \leq d_\rho\}$ ,  $\mathbb{R}_J\{\theta\} = \mathbb{R}_{d_1}\{\theta\} \times \dots \times \mathbb{R}_{d_\rho}\{\theta\}$ , and let  $F = (f_1(s, \hat{s}), \dots, f_\rho(s, \hat{s})) \in \mathbb{R}_J\{\theta\}$ ;  $F$  will be said to be a Smith-type  $\rho$ -tuple, if and only if it is ordered by divisibility, i.e.  $f_i(s, \hat{s})/f_{i+1}(s, \hat{s})$ , for  $\forall i \in \underline{\rho-1}$ . The set of all Smith-type  $\rho$ -tuples  $F$  of  $\mathbb{R}_J\{\theta\}$  will be called a  $J$ -Smith family and shall be denoted by  $SR_J\{\theta\}$ . For every  $F \in SR_J\{\theta\}$  we can

define the set of elementary divisors of  $F$  by factorising over  $\mathbb{C}(\mathbb{R})$  every  $f_i(s, \hat{s})$  of  $F$ ; the set of e.d. of  $F$  over  $\mathbb{C}$  will be denoted by  $\mathcal{D}_F$ , and it is clearly a symmetric set (e.d. appear in complex conjugate pairs).

Lemma (6.3): [Gant - 1] Let  $F \in \mathbb{SR}_J\{\theta\}$  and let  $\mathcal{D}_F$  be the set of e.d. of  $F$  over  $\mathbb{C}$ . The set  $\mathcal{D}_F$  uniquely defines the elements of modulo scaling by nonzero constants.  $\square$

This standard result provides a representation for  $F$  by the set  $\mathcal{D}_F$ . The following result emphasises the importance of the set  $\mathcal{D}_F$ .

Proposition (6.18): Let  $F_1, F_2 \in \mathbb{SR}_J\{\theta\}$  and let  $\mathcal{D}_{F_1}, \mathcal{D}_{F_2}$  be the corresponding e.d. sets.  $F_1 E_P F_2$  if and only if there exists an ordering of the elements of  $\mathcal{D}_{F_1}, \mathcal{D}_{F_2}$ , denoted by  $\hat{\mathcal{D}}_{F_1}, \hat{\mathcal{D}}_{F_2}$ , such that for this ordering  $\hat{\mathcal{D}}_{F_1} E_P \hat{\mathcal{D}}_{F_2}$ .  $\square$

The proof of this proposition readily follows by Lemma (6.3) and Proposition (6.6). Thus,  $E_P$ -equivalence on Smith-type tuples  $F$  may be reduced to an equivalent problem of  $E_P$ -equivalence on sets of e.d. over  $\mathbb{C}$ . The notion of the ordering of  $\mathcal{D}_F$  sets is important for our study and shall be discussed next. Note that if  $F$  is not a Smith-type tuple, then  $\mathcal{D}_F$  does not define uniquely the set  $F$ .

The symmetric set  $\mathcal{D}_F$  may be written as  $\mathcal{D}_F = \{\mathcal{D}_F^{\mathbb{R}}; \mathcal{D}_F^{\mathbb{C}}\}$ , where  $\mathcal{D}_F^{\mathbb{R}}, \mathcal{D}_F^{\mathbb{C}}$  denote respectively the sets of real, complex e.d. in  $\mathcal{D}_F$ . The sets  $\mathcal{D}_F^{\mathbb{R}}, \mathcal{D}_F^{\mathbb{C}}$  and thus  $\mathcal{D}_F$  may be ordered as it is explained next. Let us denote by  $I_\tau \triangleq \{d_i^\tau: d_i^\tau \in \mathbb{Z}, i \in \mathcal{G}_\tau, d_1^\tau \leq \dots \leq d_{\sigma_\tau}^\tau\}$  be an ordered set of integers and let

$$\mathcal{D}^{\mathbb{C}}(I_\tau) \triangleq \{(\gamma_j^{\tau'} s - \delta_j^{\tau'} \hat{s})^k, (\bar{\gamma}_j^{\tau'} s - \bar{\delta}_j^{\tau'} \hat{s})^k, k \in I_\tau, j \in \mathcal{V}_\tau, \gamma_j^{\tau'}, \delta_j^{\tau'} \in \mathbb{C},$$

$$(\gamma_j^{\tau'}, \delta_j^{\tau'}) \neq \xi(\gamma_i^{\tau'}, \delta_i^{\tau'}), \forall i \neq j, \xi \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\}\} \quad (6.64)$$

$$\mathcal{D}^{\mathbb{R}}(I_\tau) \triangleq \{(\alpha_j^\tau s - \beta_j^\tau \hat{s})^k, k \in I_\tau; j \in \mathcal{V}_\tau, \alpha_j^\tau, \beta_j^\tau \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$(\alpha_j^\tau, \beta_j^\tau) \neq \xi(\alpha_i^\tau, \beta_i^\tau), \forall i \neq j, \xi \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}\} \quad (6.65)$$



be the sets of all pairs of complex conjugate e.d., real e.d., which have the same set of degrees  $I_{\tau'}, I_{\tau}$  respectively (or the same Segre' characteristics  $I_{\tau'}, I_{\tau}$  respectively). The index sets  $I_{\tau}(I_{\tau'})$  may be ordered as follows: For two sets  $I_{\alpha}, I_{\beta}$  with  $\sigma_{\alpha} \neq \sigma_{\beta}$ , we say that  $I_{\alpha}$  strictly precedes  $I_{\beta}$ , written  $I_{\alpha} \prec I_{\beta}$ , if  $\sigma_{\alpha} < \sigma_{\beta}$ ; if  $\sigma_{\alpha} = \sigma_{\beta}$ , then we say that  $I_{\alpha}$  precedes  $I_{\beta}$ , written  $I_{\alpha} < I_{\beta}$ , if there exists an integer  $t$  ( $1 \leq t \leq \sigma_{\alpha} = \sigma_{\beta}$ ), for which  $d_1^{\alpha} = d_1^{\beta}, \dots, d_{t-1}^{\alpha} = d_{t-1}^{\beta}, d_t^{\alpha} < d_t^{\beta}$ . Thus,  $(3,4) \prec (1,2,3)$  and  $(1,3,4) < (1,3,5)$ . This notion of ordering for sets of integers, implies an ordering for  $\mathcal{D}_F^{\mathbb{C}}, \mathcal{D}_F^{\mathbb{R}}$ , and thus for  $\mathcal{D}_F$ . Thus, let  $\mathcal{D}_F^{\mathbb{K}}$  be either  $\mathcal{D}_F^{\mathbb{R}}$ , or  $\mathcal{D}_F^{\mathbb{C}}$ , then we may order  $\mathcal{D}_F^{\mathbb{K}}$  as

$$\mathcal{D}^{\mathbb{K}} = \{\mathcal{D}(I_{\alpha_1}), \dots, \mathcal{D}(I_{\alpha_p}); \mathcal{D}(I_{\beta_1}), \dots, \mathcal{D}(I_{\beta_q}); \dots; \mathcal{D}(I_{\omega_1}), \dots, \mathcal{D}(I_{\omega_r})\} \quad (6.66)$$

where  $\sigma_{\alpha_1} = \dots = \sigma_{\alpha_p} < \sigma_{\beta_1} = \dots = \sigma_{\beta_q} < \dots < \sigma_{\omega_1} = \dots = \sigma_{\omega_r}$  and  $I_{\alpha_1} < \dots < I_{\alpha_p}, I_{\beta_1} < \dots < I_{\beta_q}, \dots, I_{\omega_1} < \dots < I_{\omega_r}$ . Such an ordering for  $\mathcal{D}_F^{\mathbb{R}}, \mathcal{D}_F^{\mathbb{C}}$  according to the ordering of the corresponding index sets  $\{I_{\tau}\}, \{I_{\tau'}\}$  will be referred to as natural ordering. The set  $\mathcal{D}_F = \{\mathcal{D}_F^{\mathbb{R}}; \mathcal{D}_F^{\mathbb{C}}\}$  for which  $\mathcal{D}_F^{\mathbb{R}}$  and  $\mathcal{D}_F^{\mathbb{C}}$  have been ordered as above will be called naturally ordered. Note that this ordering is not complete since the elements of the constituent subsets  $\mathcal{D}^{\mathbb{R}}(I_{\tau}), \mathcal{D}^{\mathbb{C}}(I_{\tau'})$  have not been ordered yet. We may now extend Definition (6.1) to the case of Smith-type tuples.

Definition (6.7): Let  $F \in \mathbf{SR}_J\{\theta\}$  and let  $\mathcal{D}_F = \{\mathcal{D}_F^{\mathbb{R}}; \mathcal{D}_F^{\mathbb{C}}\}$  be the associated set of e.d. of  $F$  over  $\mathbb{C}$ , which is assumed to be naturally ordered.

(i) For every  $\mathcal{D}^{\mathbb{C}}(I_{\tau'}) \in \mathcal{D}_F^{\mathbb{C}}$  we define the set  $B'(I_{\tau'})$ ,

$$B'(I_{\tau'}) \triangleq \{(\gamma_j^{\tau'}, \delta_j^{\tau'}; I_{\tau'}), j \in \mathcal{V}_{\tau'}; I_{\tau'} = \{d_1^{\tau'}, \dots, d_{\sigma_{\tau'}}^{\tau'}\}\} \quad (6.67)$$

as the representation of  $\mathcal{D}^{\mathbb{C}}(I_{\tau'})$ . Similarly, for every  $\mathcal{D}^{\mathbb{R}}(I_{\tau}) \in \mathcal{D}_F^{\mathbb{R}}$  we define by

$$B(I_{\tau}) \triangleq \{(\alpha_j^{\tau}, \beta_j^{\tau}; I_{\tau}), j \in \mathcal{V}_{\tau}; I_{\tau} = \{d_1^{\tau}, \dots, d_{\sigma_{\tau}}^{\tau}\}\} \quad (6.68)$$

as the representation of  $\mathcal{D}^{\mathbb{R}}(I_{\tau})$ .

(ii) A permutation  $\pi B(I_\tau), \pi' B'(I_\tau)$  of the elements of  $B(I_\tau), B'(I_\tau)$  respectively defines an ordering of the corresponding sets; the set of all possible permutations defined on  $B(I_\tau), B'(I_\tau)$  respectively will be denoted by  $\langle B(I_\tau) \rangle, \langle B'(I_\tau) \rangle$ .

(iii) The naturally ordered sets defined from  $\mathcal{D}_F^{\mathbb{C}}, \mathcal{D}_F^{\mathbb{R}}$  by

$$B_{\mathbb{C}}(F) \triangleq \{B'(I_{\alpha'_1}), \dots, B'(I_{\alpha'_{\rho'}}); \dots; B'(I_{\omega'_1}), \dots, B'(I_{\omega'_{r'}})\} \quad (6.69)$$

$$B_{\mathbb{R}}(F) \triangleq \{B(I_{\alpha_1}), \dots, B(I_{\alpha_\rho}); \dots; B(I_{\omega_1}), \dots, B(I_{\omega_r})\} \quad (6.70)$$

characterise the sets of real and complex conjugate e.d. of  $\mathcal{D}_F$  and shall be called the complex, real unique factorisation sets of  $F$  respectively. The sets of integers characterising the possible sets of degrees and the corresponding multiplicities, of e.d.  $J_{\mathbb{C}}(F), J_{\mathbb{R}}(F)$ , where

$$J_{\mathbb{C}}(F) \triangleq \{(I_{\alpha'_1}, v_{\alpha'_1}), \dots, (I_{\alpha'_{\rho'}}, v_{\alpha'_{\rho'}}); \dots; (I_{\omega'_1}, v_{\omega'_1}), \dots, (I_{\omega'_{r'}}, v_{\omega'_{r'}})\} \quad (6.71)$$

$$J_{\mathbb{R}}(F) \triangleq \{(I_{\alpha_1}, v_{\alpha_1}), \dots, (I_{\alpha_\rho}, v_{\alpha_\rho}); \dots; (I_{\omega_1}, v_{\omega_1}), \dots, (I_{\omega_r}, v_{\omega_r})\} \quad (6.72)$$

are defined as the complex list, real list of  $F$  respectively. The sets  $B(F) \triangleq \{B_{\mathbb{R}}(F); B_{\mathbb{C}}(F)\}$  and  $J(F) \triangleq \{J_{\mathbb{R}}(F); J_{\mathbb{C}}(F)\}$  are defined as the unique factorisation set (UFS) and the list of  $F$  correspondingly.

(iv) Every permutation of the elements of  $B(F)$  defined by

$$\bar{\pi}(B(F)) \triangleq \{\pi(B(I_{\alpha_1})), \dots, \pi(B(I_{\omega_r})); \pi'(B'(I_{\alpha'_1})), \dots, \pi'(B'(I_{\omega'_{r'}}))\} \quad (6.73)$$

where  $\pi(B(I_\tau)) \in \langle B(I_\tau) \rangle, \pi'(B'(I_\tau)) \in \langle B'(I_\tau) \rangle$  defines a complete natural ordering of  $B(F)$ ; the set of all such permutations will be denoted by  $\langle B(F) \rangle$

(v) Let  $\bar{\pi}(B(F)) = \{\dots, \pi(B(I_\tau)), \dots; \dots, \pi'(B'(I_\tau)), \dots\} \in \langle B(F) \rangle$ , where

$$\pi(B(I_\tau)) = \{(\alpha_1^\tau, \beta_1^\tau; I_\tau), \dots, (\alpha_{v_\tau}^\tau, \beta_{v_\tau}^\tau; I_\tau)\} \in \langle B(I_\tau) \rangle \quad (6.74)$$

$$\pi'(B'(I_{\tau'})) = \{(\gamma_1^{\tau'}, \delta_1^{\tau'}; I_{\tau'}), \dots, (\gamma_{v_{\tau'}}^{\tau'}, \delta_{v_{\tau'}}^{\tau'}; I_{\tau'})\} \in \langle B'(I_{\tau'}) \rangle \quad (6.75)$$

A matrix representation of  $\bar{\pi}(B(F))$  may be defined by

$$T_F^{\pi, \pi'} = \begin{bmatrix} \vdots \\ [B^\pi(I_\tau)] \\ \vdots \\ [B^{\pi'}(I_{\tau'})] \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} [B_{\mathbb{R}}^\pi(F)] \\ \vdots \\ [B_{\mathbb{C}}^{\pi'}(F)] \end{bmatrix}, [B^\pi(I_\tau)] = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1^\tau & \beta_1^\tau \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ \alpha_{v_\tau}^\tau & \beta_{v_\tau}^\tau \end{bmatrix}, [B^{\pi'}(I_{\tau'})] = \begin{bmatrix} \gamma_1^{\tau'} & \delta_1^{\tau'} \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ \gamma_{v_{\tau'}}^{\tau'} & \delta_{v_{\tau'}}^{\tau'} \end{bmatrix} \quad (6.76)$$

The matrices  $T_F^{\pi, \pi'}, T_{\mathbb{R}, F}^{\pi} = [B_{\mathbb{R}}^\pi(F)], T_{\mathbb{C}, F}^{\pi'} = [B_{\mathbb{C}}^{\pi'}(F)]$  will be referred to as a  $(\pi, \pi')$ -,  $(\mathbb{R}, \pi)$ -,  $(\mathbb{C}, \pi')$ -basis matrix of  $F$  respectively.  $\square$

From the above definition it is clear that the results presented for  $E_p$ -equivalence of a single polynomial may be naturally extended to the case of  $E_p$ -equivalence defined on Smith-type tuples. In the following it will be assumed that  $F$  is naturally ordered.

**Proposition (6.19):** Let  $F_1, F_2 \in \text{SR}_J\{\theta\}$  and let  $B(F_i) = \{B_{\mathbb{R}}(F_i); B_{\mathbb{C}}(F_i)\}$ ,  $J(F_i) = \{J_{\mathbb{R}}(F_i); J_{\mathbb{C}}(F_i)\}$ ,  $i=1,2$ , be the associated UFS and list of  $F_i$ .

Necessary and sufficient condition for  $F_1 E_p F_2$  are that the following conditions hold true:

- (i)  $J(F_1) = J(F_2) \iff J_{\mathbb{R}}(F_1) = J_{\mathbb{R}}(F_2) \text{ and } J_{\mathbb{C}}(F_1) = J_{\mathbb{C}}(F_2).$
- (ii) There exist permutations  $\bar{\pi}_i(B(F_i)) = (\pi_i(B_{\mathbb{R}}(F_i)), \pi'_i(B_{\mathbb{C}}(F_i))) \in \langle B(F_i) \rangle$ ,  $i=1,2$ , such that for the corresponding  $(\pi_i, \pi'_i)$ -basis matrices  $T_{F_1}^{\pi_1, \pi'_1}, T_{F_2}^{\pi_2, \pi'_2}$  we have  $T_{F_1}^{\pi_1, \pi'_1} E_{eh} T_{F_2}^{\pi_2, \pi'_2}.$   $\square$

The proof of this result is similar to that given for  $E_p$ -equivalence defined on  $\mathbb{R}_d\{\theta\}$ . The importance of Proposition (6.19) is that it demonstrates the fact that all results derived for  $E_p$ -equivalence on  $\mathbb{R}_d\{\theta\}$  also carry out to the case of  $E_p$ -equivalence defined on the set  $\text{SR}_J\{\theta\}$ .

The only difference between the two cases is that the sets  $B(F) = \{B_{\mathbb{R}}(F); B_{\mathbb{C}}(F)\}$  and  $J(F) = \{J_{\mathbb{R}}(F); J_{\mathbb{C}}(F)\}$  are defined in a more general way by Definition (6.7), rather than Definition (6.1) used for  $B(f)$  and  $J(f)$ . The invariants of  $E_p(F)$  are the same with those of  $E_p(f)$  and thus the same definition and names will be used.

With the study of  $E_p$ -equivalence on  $SR_J\{\theta\}$  completed, we may now proceed to the solution of the original problem, i.e. the study of complete invariants of the  $E_{H-B}(F, G)$  orbit.

### 6.7 A complete set of invariants of matrix pencils under bilinear strict equivalence

The starting point in our attempt to characterise  $E_{H-B}$ -equivalence of matrix pencils is Theorem (6.1); by this theorem the sets of c.m.i. and r.m.i.,  $I_c(F, G), I_r(F, G)$  of  $sF - \hat{s}G$  are invariant; and the extra invariants needed to form a complete set are provided by the invariants of the set  $F(F, G)$ , of homogeneous invariant polynomials of  $sF - \hat{s}G$ , under  $E_p$ -equivalence. Note that  $F(F, G) \in SR_J\{\theta\}$ , and thus the results of the previous section carry over naturally to the case of  $F(F, G)$ . Before we state the main result of this section we introduce some notation.

For the set of homogeneous invariant polynomials  $F(F, G)$  of  $L(s, \hat{s}) = sF - \hat{s}G$  we shall denote by  $\mathcal{D}(F, G)$  the symmetric set of e.d. over  $\mathbb{C}$ , and by  $B(F, G) = \{B_{\mathbb{R}}(F, G); B_{\mathbb{C}}(F, G)\}$ ,  $J(F, G) = \{J_{\mathbb{R}}(F, G); J_{\mathbb{C}}(F, G)\}$  the UFS and the list of  $F(F, G)$  and thus of  $L(s, \hat{s})$ . The set  $B(F, G)$  will be assumed to be naturally ordered and if  $\bar{\pi}B(F, G) = (\pi B_{\mathbb{R}}(F, G), \pi' B_{\mathbb{C}}(F, G)) \in \langle B(F, G) \rangle$ , then the  $(\pi, \pi')$ -basis matrix will be designated by  $T_{\pi, \pi'}$ , and  $\mathcal{T}(F, G)$  will denote the family of matrix representations of  $B(F, G)$  and thus of  $L(s, \hat{s})$ . If  $\mu = \#B_{\mathbb{R}}(F, G)$ ,  $\nu = \#B_{\mathbb{C}}(F, G)$ , then  $(\mu, \nu)$  will be called the order of  $L(s, \hat{s})$ . Following Definition (6.6), we have that if  $\mu + \nu \geq 3$ , then for  $\forall T_{\pi, \pi'} \in \mathcal{T}(F, G), r \in \langle \mu + \nu \rangle$ ,  $(i_1, i_2) \in Q_{2, \mu + \nu - 1}^r$ ,  $\tilde{g}_{r, i_1, i_2}^{\pi, \pi'}$  will denote the  $(r, i_1, i_2)$ - $\mathbb{R}$ -CGV of  $T_{\pi, \pi'}$ , and shall be called the  $(\pi, \pi')$ -( $r, i_1, i_2$ )- $\mathbb{R}$ -canonical Grassmann vector of  $L(s, \hat{s})$ ;



the set of all such vectors (eqn(6.58)), is designated by  $G(F,G)$  and we shall call it the  $\mathbb{R}$ -canonical Grassmann vector set of  $L(s,\hat{s})$ . For every  $T_{\pi,\pi'} \in T(F,G)$  we shall denote by  $P_{\mathbb{R}}^{\pi,\pi'}(F,G)$ ,  $P^{\pi,\pi'}(F,G)$  and by  $P^*(F,G)$  the set of  $(\pi,\pi')$ - $r$ -prime Plücker vectors ( $r \in \langle \mu+\nu \rangle$ ) of  $T_{\pi,\pi'}$ , the set of all  $r$ -prime Plücker vectors of  $T_{\pi,\pi'}$ , and the Plücker vector set of  $T(F,G)$  and thus of  $L(s,\hat{s})$  (see eqn(6.62)). If  $(\mu,\nu)=(0,2)$ , the  $\alpha$ -,  $\beta$ -,  $\bar{\alpha}$ -,  $\bar{\beta}$ -characteristic matrices of  $L(s,\hat{s})$  are defined as for the case of polynomials (eqn(6.59), (6.60)). Finally,  $L(s,\hat{s}) \in L(\theta)$  will be called a general order pencil if  $(\mu,\nu) \neq \{(1,0), (2,0), (3,0), (0,1), (1,1), (0,2)\}$ . We may now state the main result of this chapter.

Theorem (6.7): Let  $L(s,\hat{s}) = sF - \hat{s}G \in L(\theta)$  be a general order matrix pencil and let  $B(F,G), J(F,G) = \{J_{\mathbb{R}}(F,G); J_{\mathbb{C}}(F,G)\}, G(F,G), I_{\mathbb{C}}(F,G), I_{\mathbb{R}}(F,G)$  be the sets associated with  $L(s,\hat{s})$ . A complete set of invariants for the  $E_{H-B}(F,G)$  equivalence class is defined by:

- (i)  $I_{\mathbb{C}}(F,G), I_{\mathbb{R}}(F,G)$ .
- (ii)  $J(F,G) = \{J_{\mathbb{R}}(F,G); J_{\mathbb{C}}(F,G)\}$ .
- (iii)  $G(F,G)$ , or  $G(F,G)$  modulo  $-C_2(\bar{E})$ , where  $\bar{E} = \text{diag}\{E, \dots, E\}, E = [j]_{\mathbb{R}}$ . □

The proof of this result readily follows from Theorems (6.1), (6.6) and Proposition (6.19).  $E_{H-B}$ -equivalence for a number of special type matrix pencils is treated by the following corollaries.

Corollary (6.11): Let  $L(s,\hat{s}) = sF - \hat{s}G \in L(\theta)$  and let the order  $(\mu,\nu)$  of  $L(s,\hat{s})$  take values from the set  $\{(1,0), (2,0), (3,0), (0,1), (1,1)\}$ . A complete set of invariants for the  $E_{H-B}(F,G)$  orbit is defined by the sets:  $I_{\mathbb{C}}(F,G)$ ,  $I_{\mathbb{R}}(F,G)$ , and  $J(F,G) = \{J_{\mathbb{R}}(F,G), J_{\mathbb{C}}(F,G)\}$ . □

Corollary (6.12): Let  $L_1(s,\hat{s}) = sF_1 - \hat{s}G_1, L_2(\lambda,\hat{\lambda}) \in L(\theta)$  be two pencils of order  $(\mu,\nu) = (0,2)$ . Let  $J_{\mathbb{C}}(F_i, G_i) = \{(I_{\tau_i}, 1), (I_{\tau_i'}, 1)\}, \{P_i^{\alpha}, P_i^{\beta}, P_i^{\bar{\alpha}}, P_i^{\bar{\beta}}\}, I_{\mathbb{C}}(F_i, G_i)$  and  $I_{\mathbb{R}}(F_i, G_i)$ ,  $i=1,2$ , be the corresponding lists, characteristic matrices and

minimal indices sets respectively of the two pencils.  $L_1(s, \hat{s}) E_{H-B} L_2(\lambda, \hat{\lambda})$ , if and only if the following conditions hold true:

- (i)  $I_c(F_1, G_1) = I_c(F_2, G_2), I_r(F_1, G_1) = I_r(F_2, G_2), J_{\mathbb{C}}(F_1, G_1) = J_{\mathbb{C}}(F_2, G_2)$ .
- (ii) (α) If  $I_{\tau_1} < \cdot I_{\tau_1}$ , or  $\cdot I_{\tau_1}$ , then  $P_1^\beta \square P_2^\alpha = 0$ .
- (β) If  $I_{\tau_1} = I_{\tau_1}$ , then either  $P_1^\beta \square P_2^\alpha = 0$ , or  $P_1^{\bar{\beta}} \square P_2^\alpha = 0$ .

□

Corollary (6.13): Let  $L(s, \hat{s}) = sF - \hat{s}G \in L(\Theta)$  and let  $(\mu, \nu) = (k, 0), k \geq 4$ . Let  $I_c(F, G), I_r(F, G), J(F, G) = J_{\mathbb{R}}(F, G), P^*(F, G), G(F, G)$  be the sets associated with  $L(s, \hat{s})$ . A complete set of invariants for the  $E_{H-B}(F, G)$ -equivalence class is defined by:

- (i)  $I_c(F, G), I_r(F, G), J_{\mathbb{R}}(F, G)$ .
- (ii)  $G(F, G)$  modulo  $\pm 1$ , or equivalently  $P^*(F, G)$  modulo collinearity of the corresponding vectors.

□

These corollaries follow immediately by Theorem (6.1), Proposition (6.19) and the corresponding results for binary polynomials stated in the previous section. The properties of the invariant sets  $G(F, G)$ , or  $P^*(F, G)$ , have been studied in detail in Section (6.5), where  $E_{eh}^r$ -equivalence was discussed. The set  $G(F, G)$  is generated by a single element (in the sense discussed before) and thus the elements in  $G(F, G)$  are not independent invariants but dependent; however, the whole set  $G(F, G)$  (or  $P^*(F, G)$ ) is used in the above results, to avoid the use of permutations. Finally, we should note that two sets  $G(F_1, G_1), G(F_2, G_2)$  are equal if and only if there exist  $\tilde{g}^{(1)}_{r, i_1, i_2} \in G(F_1, G_1)$  and  $\tilde{g}^{(2)}_{q, j_1, j_2} \in G(F_2, G_2)$  such that

$$\tilde{g}^{(2)}_{q, j_1, j_2} = \tilde{g}^{(1)}_{r, i_1, i_2}, \text{ or } = -C_2(E) \tilde{g}^{(1)}_{r, i_1, i_2} \quad (6.77)$$

Similarly, two sets  $P^*(F_1, G_1), P^*(F_2, G_2)$  are equal if and only if there exist  $p^{(1)}_{r, \pi_1, \pi'_1} \in P^*(F_1, G_1)$  and  $p^{(2)}_{q, \pi_2, \pi'_2} \in P^*(F_2, G_2)$  such that

$$p^{(1)}_{r, \pi_1, \pi'_1} \not\sim p^{(2)}_{q, \pi_2, \pi'_2} \quad (6.78)$$

where " $\parallel$ " stands for collinearity of the corresponding vector sets. The last two conditions express the property described by Remarks (6.16), (6.17) respectively as "equality of a pair of representative points".

Remark (6.19): If  $L(s, \hat{s}) = sF - \hat{s}G \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}[s, \hat{s}]$ ,  $m \neq n$ , is a generic pencil  $(L(s, \hat{s}))$  full rank and  $S^*(s, \hat{s})$  has no nontrivial elements, i.e.  $F(F, G) = \emptyset$ , then a complete set of invariants under  $E_{H-B}$ -equivalence is defined by:

- (i)  $I_c(F, G)$ , if  $m < n$ .
- (ii)  $I_r(F, G)$ , if  $m > n$ .

For such pencils, the notions of  $E_{H-B}$  and  $E_H$  equivalence coincide; since for both types of equivalence the same set is a complete invariant. Thus, if we keep the same pair of indeterminates  $(s, \hat{s})$ , then  $E_{H-B}(F, G) = E_H(F, G)$ .  $\square$

For regular pencils the notions of  $E_{H-B}$  and  $E_H$  equivalence are quite distinct, since there is no special case where the two notions may coincide.

Testing for  $E_{H-B}$  equivalence of two pencils  $L_1(s, \hat{s}) = sF_1 - \hat{s}G_1$ ,  $L_2(\lambda, \hat{\lambda}) = \lambda F_2 - \hat{\lambda}G_2 \in L$  is an elaborate procedure, since finally the sets  $G(F_i, G_i)$ , or  $P^*(F_i, G_i)$  have to be computed. Note that the rank  $\rho$  of a pencil and the set of indices  $J = \{d_i : i \in \mathcal{G}, d_i = \deg f_i(s, \hat{s}), f_i(s, \hat{s}) \in F(F, G)\}$  are invariants under  $E_{H-B}$ -equivalence, but not independent from the sets defined before. A systematic procedure for testing  $E_{H-B}$ -equivalence implies the following steps:

- (i) Find the ranks  $\rho_1, \rho_2$  of  $L_1(s, \hat{s}), L_2(\lambda, \hat{\lambda})$ . If  $\rho_1 \neq \rho_2$  we stop, since  $L_1(s, \hat{s}) \not\sim_{H-B} L_2(\lambda, \hat{\lambda})$ .
- (ii) If  $\rho_1 = \rho_2$ , find the sets of degrees  $J_1, J_2$  of  $F(F_i, G_i)$ ,  $i=1, 2$ . If  $J_1 \neq J_2$  stop, since then  $L_1(s, \hat{s}) \not\sim_{H-B} L_2(\lambda, \hat{\lambda})$ .
- (iii) If  $J_1 = J_2$ , compute  $J(F_i, G_i)$ ,  $i=1, 2$ . If  $J(F_1, G_1) \neq J(F_2, G_2)$  stop, since then  $L_1(s, \hat{s}) \not\sim_{H-B} L_2(\lambda, \hat{\lambda})$ .
- (iv) If  $J(F_1, G_1) = J(F_2, G_2)$ , compute  $I_c(F_i, G_i), I_r(F_i, G_i)$ ,  $i=1, 2$ . If  $I_c(F_1, G_1) \neq I_c(F_2, G_2)$ , or  $I_r(F_1, G_1) \neq I_r(F_2, G_2)$  stop, since then

$$L_1(s, \hat{s}) \notin_{H-B} L_2(\lambda, \hat{\lambda}).$$

- (v) If  $I_c(F_1, G_1) = I_c(F_2, G_2)$  and  $I_r(F_1, G_1) = I_r(F_2, G_2)$  then compute the UFS  $B(F_i, G_i) = \{B_{\mathbb{R}}(F_i, G_i); B_{\mathbb{C}}(F_i, G_i)\}$ ,  $i=1,2$ . The sets  $B_{\mathbb{R}}(F_i, G_i), B_{\mathbb{C}}(F_i, G_i)$  characterise the sets or real and complex e.d.  $\mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{R}}(F_i, G_i), \mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{C}}(F_i, G_i)$  respectively and thus define sets of homogeneous polynomials  $F_{\mathbb{R}}(F_i, G_i) \in SR_{J_{\alpha}}\{\theta\}$ ,  $F_{\mathbb{C}}(F_i, G_i) \in SR_{J_{\beta}}\{\theta\}$ . If  $F_{\mathbb{R}}(F_1, G_1) \notin_P F_{\mathbb{R}}(F_2, G_2)$ , or  $F_{\mathbb{C}}(F_1, G_1) \notin_P F_{\mathbb{C}}(F_2, G_2)$ , then stop, since  $F(F_1, G_1) \notin_P (F_2, G_2)$  and thus  $L_1(s, \hat{s}) \notin_{H-B} L_2(\lambda, \hat{\lambda})$ .
- (vi) If  $F_{\mathbb{R}}(F_1, G_1) \in_P F_{\mathbb{R}}(F_2, G_2)$  and  $F_{\mathbb{C}}(F_2, G_2) \in_P F_{\mathbb{C}}(F_1, G_1)$ , then proceed to the computation of  $G(F_i, G_i)$ ,  $i=1,2$ , or the special cases tests for checking the  $E_P$ -equivalence of  $F(F_i, G_i)$ ,  $i=1,2$ .

The  $E_{H-B}(F, G)$  equivalence class has been characterised by a complete set of invariants; this set of invariants is common to all pencils  $L_{\theta}, \tilde{L}_{\tilde{\theta}} \in E_{H-B}(F, G)$ , but there exist a number of other functions, defined on a pencil, which are not  $E_{H-B}$  invariant and thus generally they take different values on the elements  $L_{\theta}, \tilde{L}_{\tilde{\theta}}$  of the class. In a number of cases, it is desirable to find a matrix pencil  $L_{\theta} \in E_{H-B}$  with a prescribed set of characteristics; such a problem may be of interest in the study of numerical analysis aspects, or system theoretic applications of the matrix pencil theory. The following problem then arises:

Problem: Let  $L_{\theta} = sF - \hat{s}G \in L(\theta)$ ,  $E_{H-B}(F, G)$  the corresponding equivalence class,  $R$  the set of complete invariants of  $E_{H-B}(F, G)$  (invariant functions defined on  $\forall L'_{\theta} \in E_{H-B}(F, G)$ ) and let  $K$  be a set of functions defined on  $\forall L'_{\theta} \in E_{H-B}(F, G)$  for which  $K \cap R = \emptyset$ . Let us further denote by  $K(F', G')$  the set of values of  $K$  on the pencil  $L_{\theta} = \lambda F' - \hat{\lambda} G'$ . Find whether there exist  $b \in B$  and  $h \in H$ , such that  $\tilde{L}_{\tilde{\theta}} = (h * b) \circ L_{\theta} = \lambda \tilde{F} - \hat{\lambda} \tilde{G}$  has a prescribed set of values  $K(\tilde{F}, \tilde{G}) = A_0$ . This problem will be referred to as a  $K$ -characteristics  $E_{H-B}$  pencil assignment problem, and shall be denoted in short by  $K-E_{H-B}$ -PA.

The nature of the particular  $K-E_{H-B}$ -PA problem depends on the type of



characteristic functions  $K$  we specify. We close this chapter by discussing a special type of  $K-E_{H-B}$ -PA problem related to the stability of the e.d. of the pencil.

Definition (6.8): Let  $f(s, \hat{s}) \in R_d \setminus \{0\}$ .  $f(s, \hat{s})$  will be said to be stable if the polynomials  $f(s, 1)$  and  $f(1, \hat{s})$  have no roots in the closed right-half  $\mathbb{C}$ -plane. A pencil  $L_\theta = sF - \hat{s}G$  will be called stable if the set  $F(F, G)$  is stable.

Remark (6.20): Let  $f(s, \hat{s}) \in R_d \setminus \{0\}$  and let  $M(f)$  be the set of e.d. of  $f(s, \hat{s})$  over  $\mathbb{R}$ , that is  $M(f) = \{(\alpha_i s - \beta_i \hat{s})^{k_i}, (r_j s^2 + p_j s \hat{s} + q_j \hat{s}^2)^{\tau_j}, i \in \mu, j \in \nu\}$ .  $f(s, \hat{s})$  will be stable if and only if  $\alpha_i \beta_i < 0$  for  $\forall i \in \mu$  and  $r_j, p_j, q_j > 0$  (or  $< 0$ ) for  $\forall j \in \nu$ .

A stable polynomial  $f(s, \hat{s})$  has no e.d. of the type  $s^p, \hat{s}^q$  and all of the finite nonzero roots are in the open right half  $\mathbb{C}$ -plane. The problem considered next may be stated as follows:

Stabilizability of e.d. problem (SEDP): Determine whether there exists  $\tilde{L}_\theta = (\lambda \tilde{F} - \hat{\lambda} \tilde{G}) \in E_{H-B}(F, G)$ , such that  $\tilde{L}_\theta$  is stable. For this problem the set  $K$  is the  $F(\tilde{F}, \tilde{G})$  and the prescribed property is the stability of the elements of  $F(\tilde{F}, \tilde{G})$ .

Before we proceed with the study of solvability of SEDP we define the following subset of  $PGL(1, \mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R})$ :

$$PGL_+(1, \mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R}) \triangleq \{ \beta_+ : \begin{bmatrix} s \\ \hat{s} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda \\ \hat{\lambda} \end{bmatrix}, a, b, c, d > 0, ad - cb \neq 0 \} \quad (6.79)$$

Projective transformations of the type  $\beta_+$ , defined as above, will be called positive-real projective transformations and the transformations  $b_+ \in \mathcal{B}$  induced by a  $\beta \in PGL_+(1, \mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R})$  will be referred with the same name. The subset of  $\mathcal{B}$  containing all positive real transformations will be denoted by  $\mathcal{B}_+$ .

**Proposition (6.20):** Let  $f(s, \hat{s}) = (\alpha s - \beta \hat{s})^k$ ,  $g(s, \hat{s}) = (rs^2 + ps\hat{s} + q\hat{s}^2)^\tau$  be two irreducible over  $\mathbb{R}$  binary polynomials.

(i) If  $f(s, \hat{s}), g(s, \hat{s})$  are stable, then for  $\forall \beta \in \text{PGL}_+(1, \mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R})$  the polynomials  $\beta \circ f(s, \hat{s}) = \tilde{f}(\lambda, \hat{\lambda}), \beta \circ g(s, \hat{s}) = \tilde{g}(\lambda, \hat{\lambda})$  are stable.

(ii) (a) If  $f(s, \hat{s})$  is unstable, then necessary and sufficient condition for  $\beta \circ f(s, \hat{s}) = \tilde{f}(\lambda, \hat{\lambda}), \beta \in \text{PGL}_+(1, \mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R})$  to be stable is that

$$\alpha/\beta > \max\{c/a, d/b\} \quad (6.80)$$

(b) If  $g(s, \hat{s})$  is unstable, then necessary and sufficient condition for  $\beta \circ g(s, \hat{s}) = \tilde{g}(\lambda, \hat{\lambda}), \beta \in \text{PGL}_+(1, \mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R})$  to be stable is that

$$-p/r < 2ab/(ad+cb) + q/r \cdot 2cd/(ad+cb) \quad (6.81)$$

#### Proof

(i) The coefficients of  $\tilde{f}(\lambda, \hat{\lambda}), \tilde{g}(\lambda, \hat{\lambda})$  are defined by

$$[\tilde{\alpha}, -\tilde{\beta}] = [\alpha, -\beta] \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = [\alpha a - \beta c, \alpha b - \beta d] \quad (6.82a)$$

$$[\tilde{r}, \tilde{p}, \tilde{q}] = [r, p, q] \begin{bmatrix} a^2 & 2ab & b^2 \\ ac & ad+cb & bd \\ c^2 & 2cd & d^2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (6.82b)$$

Clearly, if  $\alpha, -\beta, r, p, q > 0$ , then the resulting coefficients  $\tilde{\alpha}, -\tilde{\beta}, \tilde{r}, \tilde{p}, \tilde{q}$  of  $\tilde{f}(\lambda, \hat{\lambda}), \tilde{g}(\lambda, \hat{\lambda})$  are positive, if  $a, b, c, d > 0$ , i.e.  $\tilde{f}(\lambda, \hat{\lambda}), \tilde{g}(\lambda, \hat{\lambda})$  are stable.

(ii) (a) For  $\tilde{f}(\lambda, \hat{\lambda})$  to be stable  $\alpha a - \beta c > 0$  and  $\alpha b - \beta d > 0$ . Since  $\beta > 0$ , and  $a, b > 0$ , then,  $\alpha/\beta > c/a$  and  $\alpha/\beta > d/b$  and (6.80) follows. The sufficiency is established by a mere reversion of the arguments.

(b) Since  $g(s, \hat{s})$  is irreducible,  $\tilde{\Delta} = \tilde{p}^2 - 4\tilde{r}\tilde{q} < 0$  for all  $\beta \in \text{PGL}(1, \mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R})$ ; thus, if  $\tilde{r} > 0$ , automatically  $\tilde{q}$  is also positive. For stabilization, we should have

$$\tilde{p} = 2rab + p(ad+bc) + 2qcd > 0$$

Since  $r, a, b, c, d > 0$ , then the above condition yields (6.81). The sufficiency follows by reversing the steps.  $\square$

Remark (6.21): Every positive real transformation  $\beta$  stabilizes e.d. of the type  $s^p$  and  $\hat{s}^q$ .

The above result shows that positive real projective transformations preserve stability of stable e.d. and under the conditions (6.80), (6.81) may be used to stabilize unstable e.d. Condition (6.81) is rather difficult to handle; a simpler condition is established by the following result.

Corollary (6.14): Let  $g(s, \hat{s}) = (rs^2 + ps\hat{s} + q\hat{s}^2)^\tau$  be an unstable binary quadratic ( $r, p > 0, p \leq 0$ ). A transformation  $\beta \in \text{PGL}_+(1, \mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R})$  exists such that  $\beta \circ g(s, \hat{s}) = \tilde{g}(\lambda, \hat{\lambda})$  is stable, if either of the following conditions hold true:

$$-p/r < 2ab/(ad+bc) \quad (6.83a)$$

or

$$-p/q < 2cd/(ad+bc) \quad (6.83b)$$

$\square$

The sufficiency conditions presented by (6.83a), or (6.83b) readily follow from condition (6.81). Proposition (6.20) and its corollary may be used to establish the conditions for stabilizability of  $F(F, G)$  under a positive real projective transformation. For the set  $F(F, G)$  of homogeneous invariant polynomials of  $L_\theta = sF - \hat{s}G$ , we shall denote by  $M_\ell, M_q$  the sets unstable linear, quadratic e.d. over  $\mathbb{R}$  respectively, which exclude e.d. of the type  $s^p, \hat{s}^q$ . If

$$M_\ell = \{(\alpha_i s - \beta_i \hat{s})^{k_i}, \alpha_i \beta_i > 0, i \in \mathcal{U}, k_i \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

$$M_q = \{(r_j s^2 + p_j s\hat{s} + q_j \hat{s}^2)^{\tau_j}, r_j p_j < 0, j \in \mathcal{V}, \tau_j \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

then the numbers defined from  $M_\ell, M_q$  by

$$\lambda_{\min} \triangleq \min\{\alpha_i/\beta_i : i \in \mathcal{U}\} \quad (6.84a)$$

$$\rho_{\max}^1 \triangleq \max\{-p_j/r_j : j \in \mathcal{V}\}, \rho_{\max}^2 \triangleq \max\{-p_j/q_j : j \in \mathcal{V}\} \quad (6.84b)$$

will be referred to as the instability indices of  $F(F,G)$ . Using the instability indices  $\lambda_{\min}, \rho_{\max}^1, \rho_{\max}^2$  we may state the following result for stabilizability of  $L_\theta$  under positive real projective transformations.

Theorem (6.8): Let  $(\lambda_{\min}, \rho_{\max}^1, \rho_{\max}^2)$  be the instability indices of  $L_\theta = sF - \hat{s}G$ . There exists a positive real transformation  $b \in \mathcal{B}_+$  such that  $b \circ L_\theta = \tilde{\lambda}F - \tilde{\lambda}G$  is stable, if there exist  $a, b, c, d > 0$  such that either of the following two conditions are satisfied:

(i)  $\lambda_{\min} > \max\{c/a, d/b\}$  and  $\rho_{\max}^1 < 2ab/(ad+cb)$ ,

or

(ii)  $\lambda_{\min} > \max\{c/a, d/b\}$  and  $\rho_{\max}^2 < 2ab/(ad+cb)$

#### Proof

By Proposition (6.20) and Remark (6.21) a positive real projective transformation preserves stability of stable e.d., stabilizes e.d. of the type  $s^p, \hat{s}^q$  and stabilizes unstable e.d. of the type  $(\alpha s - \beta \hat{s})^k, (rs^2 + ps\hat{s} + q\hat{s})^\tau$ , if conditions (6.80), (6.83a) or (6.83b) hold true. If  $\lambda_{\min} > \max\{c/a, d/b\}$ , all e.d. of the type  $(\alpha s - \beta \hat{s})^k$  are stabilized. Similarly, by Corollary (6.14), if  $\rho_{\max}^1$ , or  $\rho_{\max}^2 < 2ab/(ad+cb)$  then all e.d.  $(rs^2 + ps\hat{s} + q\hat{s})^\tau$  are stabilized. □

Corollary (6.15): There always exist a  $b \in \mathcal{B}_+$  such that the pencil  $b \circ L_\theta = \tilde{\lambda}F - \tilde{\lambda}G \in E_{H-\mathcal{B}}(F,G)$  is stable. The parameters  $(a, b, c, d)$  of a positive real projective transformation  $\beta$  that induces  $b$  are determined by

$$c/a + d/b < \min\{\lambda_{\min}, 2/\rho_{\max}^1\} \quad (6.85)$$

#### Proof

By condition (6.85) we have that



$$\text{which are frequently independent. It is clear from the results of this section that system properties associated with the sets } \Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2 \cup \Gamma_3 \cup \Gamma_4 \text{ are frequency-independent, whereas those depending on the values of the roots of the s.d. are frequency dependent. The complete study of this "relativistic" classification of system properties will be the subject of future research. An important by-product of the} \quad c/a+d/b < \lambda_{\min} \text{ and } c/a+d/b < 2/\rho_{\max}^1 \quad (6.86)$$

However,  $\max\{c/a, d/b\} < c/a+d/b < \lambda_{\min}$  and thus the first of conditions of Theorem (6.8) is satisfied. The second of conditions (6.86) is equivalent to the second of the conditions of Theorem (6.8) and this completes the proof.  $\square$

Corollary (6.15) shows that SEDP has always a solution and it also indicates how the parameters of a positive real projective transformation may be chosen. The family of  $\text{PGL}_+(1, \mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R})$  has been chosen in this investigation because of its property to preserve stability of stable e.d. The importance of SEDP for linear systems is a topic discussed in a following section.

## 6.8 Conclusions

The notion of bilinear-strict equivalence of matrix pencils has been introduced and a complete set of invariants for the  $E_{H-B}(F, G)$  orbit has been defined. This work extends the classical results of the Weierstrass-Kronecker theory of strict equivalence and poses a number of new questions for matrix pencil theory such as the study of different types of  $K-E_{H-B}$ -PA problems and the search for a canonical form under  $E_{H-B}$ -equivalence. Of particular importance, from the numerical viewpoint, is the search for  $\tilde{L}_{\tilde{\theta}} \in E_{H-B}(F, G)$  which are "well conditioned" in some sense for computations. The study of SEDP provides a partial answer to this problem, since for the case of regular pencils  $\tilde{L}_{\tilde{\theta}} = \lambda \tilde{F} - \hat{\lambda} \tilde{G} \in E_{H-B}(F, G)$  may be found with  $|\tilde{F}|, |\tilde{G}| \neq 0$  (no zero and infinite e.d.). The most important, from the numerical point of view, problem is of course the assignment of the condition number. This problem is one of the topics left for future research.

The  $E_{H-B}$ -equivalence of matrix pencils provides the means for the classification of the system theoretic properties into two classes: those

which are frequency-space transformation invariant, and those which are frequency transformation dependent. It is clear from the results of this section, that system properties associated with the sets  $I_c(F,G)$ ,  $I_r(F,G)$ ,  $J(F,G)$  are frequency-space independent, whereas those depending on the nature of the roots of the e.d. are frequency dependent. The complete study of this "relativistic" classification of system properties will be presented in the following section.  $E_{H-B}$ -equivalence also provides us with the tools for defining suitable system duals, which may be used for the investigation of various system theoretic properties.

The definition of a canonical form for the equivalence class  $E_{H-B}(F,G)$  and the search for a complete set of invariants under  $E_B$ -equivalence, are problems still open for future research. An important by-product of the work in this chapter is the solution of the general linear mapping problem and the study of the  $E_{eh}^c$ -,  $E_{eh}^r$ -equivalence. It seems that  $E_{eh}^c$ -equivalence, appropriately generalized over rings, could be important in the study of problems such as the simultaneous stabilization [Sae & Mur - 1].

## CHAPTER 7: GEOMETRIC AND DYNAMIC ASPECTS OF THE LINEAR GENERALISED AUTONOMOUS DIFFERENTIAL SYSTEM

### 7.1 Introduction

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### 7.1 Introduction

The generalised autonomous differential system  $S(F,G): \dot{F}\underline{x} = G\underline{x}$ ,  $F, G \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  has emerged as the unifying description to which problems of the regular, extended state space theory of linear systems may be reduced [Kar. & Hay. -1]. The central problem of linear geometric theory [Won. -1], [Will. -1] of regular state space geometric theory is the dynamic and geometric characterisation of the subspaces of the state space; the algebrization of the fundamental tools of regular state space geometric theory in terms of matrix pencils [Kar. -1], [Jaf. & Kar. -1] has demonstrated that the algebraic structure of the restriction pencil (expressed in terms of the strict equivalence invariants) is the key tool from which the geometric and dynamic aspects of regular state space theory may be deduced. The aim of this chapter is to extend the treatment given in [Kar. -1], [Jaf. & Kar. -1] for regular state space systems to the case of  $S(F,G)$ ; such a study provides the means for a unifying treatment of the geometric and dynamic properties of regular and extended state space theory. The algebraic and number theoretic properties of matrix pencils developed in Chapters (4) and (5) provide the basis for the study of the geometry of the subspaces of the domain of  $(F,G)$  as well as the foundations of an algorithm, based on the properties of PAPS, for the computation of the Kronecker canonical form. The notion of the invariant forced realization [Kar. & Hay. -1,2] is further developed and it is shown to be of crucial importance for the dynamic characterisation of the subspaces of the domain of  $(F,G)$ . In fact, it is shown that problems defined on  $S(F,G)$  may be reduced to equivalent problems of the regular state space theory.

The chapter is structured as follows: In section (7.2) we introduce some notation and we give some results extending the theory of PAPS developed



for regular pencils to the general case of singular pencils. These results yield a procedure for the computation of the Kronecker canonical form which is based on two types of PAPS. Section (7.3) deals with the geometry of the subspaces of the pair  $(F,G)$ . The notion of the restriction pencil  $(F,G)/V$ , of a given subspace  $V$  of the domain of  $(F,G)$  is introduced and the various subspaces  $V$  are classified in terms of the invariants of the pencil  $(F,G)/V$ . Subsequently, the different types of subspaces are characterised in terms of geometric and number theoretic conditions and the notions of  $(F,G)$ -invariant,  $(G,F)$ -invariant, and  $(F,G)$ -completely invariant subspaces are introduced. The new notions introduced to this section are natural extensions of the standard geometric notions, of  $(A,B)$ -invariance, almost  $(A,B)$ -invariance, of controllability and almost controllability subspaces. In Section (7.4) the notion of invariant forced realizations of  $S(F,G)$  [Kar. & Hay. -2] is discussed and some further results are derived; these results demonstrate that problems of characterisation of subspaces of extended state space systems may always be reduced to equivalent problems of regular state space theory. In Section (7.4) the family of solutions of  $S(F,G)$  for a given initial condition is derived and its properties are discussed. These results demonstrate that a general (non-square) differential system, although it does not define a dynamical system, is closely associated with a dynamical system. In the case where there is no uniqueness of solution, for a given initial condition, the family of solutions is parametrized in terms of external functions of an invariant forced realization. Finally, the various types of subspaces introduced in Section (7.3) are characterised dynamically and the notions of reachability, and system description redundancy for  $S(F,G)$  are defined.

## 7.2 The Piecewise Arithmetic Progression Sequences (PAPS) of a general pencil and the Kronecker canonical form

Let  $sF - \hat{s}G \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}[s, \hat{s}]$ ,  $\text{rank}_{\mathbb{R}(s, \hat{s})}\{sF - \hat{s}G\} = \rho \leq \min(m, n)$  be a general pencil (singular, or regular) and let us denote by  $I_c(F, G), I_r(F, G), \mathcal{D}_o(F, G), \mathcal{D}_\infty(F, G), \mathcal{D}_\alpha(F, G)$  the sets of c.m.i., r.m.i., zero-e.d., infinite-e.d. and  $\alpha$ -e.d.,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\}$ , of the pencil  $sF - \hat{s}G$  respectively. Throughout this chapter we shall adopt the following two equivalent descriptions for the above sets:

$$\begin{aligned} I_c(F, G) &\triangleq \{\epsilon_1 = \dots = \epsilon_g = 0 < \epsilon_{g+1} \leq \dots \leq \epsilon_p\} \\ \text{OR} \quad &\triangleq \{(\epsilon_i, \rho_i), i \in \mu, 0 \leq \epsilon_1 < \dots < \epsilon_\mu, p = \sum_{i=1}^{\mu} \rho_i\} \end{aligned} \quad (7.1a)$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_r(F, G) &\triangleq \{\zeta_1 = \dots = \zeta_g = 0 < \zeta_{g+1} \leq \dots \leq \zeta_t\} \\ \text{OR} \quad &\triangleq \{(\zeta_i, \pi_i), i \in \mu', 0 \leq \zeta_1 < \dots < \zeta_{\mu'}, t = \sum_{i=1}^{\mu'} \pi_i\} \end{aligned} \quad (7.1b)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}_o(F, G) &\triangleq \{s^{p_i}, 0 < p_1 \leq \dots \leq p_{\tau_o}\} \\ \text{OR} \quad &\triangleq \{(0; p_i, \sigma_i), i \in \nu_o, 0 < p_1 < \dots < p_{\nu_o}, \tau_o = \sum_{i=1}^{\nu_o} \sigma_i\} \end{aligned} \quad (7.1c)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}_\infty(F, G) &\triangleq \{\hat{s}^{q_i}, 0 < q_1 \leq q_2 \leq \dots \leq q_{\tau_\infty}\} \\ \text{OR} \quad &\triangleq \{(\infty; q_i, \hat{\sigma}_i), i \in \nu_\infty, 0 < q_1 < \dots < q_{\nu_\infty}, \tau_\infty = \sum_{i=1}^{\nu_\infty} \hat{\sigma}_i\} \end{aligned} \quad (7.1d)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}_\alpha(F, G) &\triangleq \{(s - \alpha \hat{s})^{d_i}, \alpha \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\}, 0 < d_1 \leq \dots \leq d_{\tau_\alpha}\} \\ \text{OR} \quad &\triangleq \{(\alpha; d_i, \sigma_i), i \in \nu_\alpha, 0 < d_1 < \dots < d_{\nu_\alpha}, \tau_\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^{\nu_\alpha} \sigma_i\} \end{aligned} \quad (7.1e)$$

The second of the above descriptions will be referred to as the index set description of the corresponding invariant. For an  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C} - \mathbb{R}$  we shall denote by  $\mathcal{D}_{\alpha^*}(F, G)$  the complex conjugate set of  $\mathcal{D}_\alpha(F, G)$  and by  $\mathcal{D}_{\hat{\alpha}}(F, G)$  the inverse set of  $\mathcal{D}_\alpha(F, G)$ , i.e. the set of e.d.  $(\hat{\alpha}s - \hat{s})^{d_i}$ ,  $\hat{\alpha} = 1/\alpha$  obtained from  $\mathcal{D}_\alpha(F, G)$ . The set of all distinct numbers  $\Phi(F, G) = \{\alpha_i; \alpha_i \in \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}, \alpha_i \neq \alpha_j, i \in \nu\}$  for which  $\text{rank}\{\alpha_i F - G\} < \rho$  will be referred to as the root range of  $sF - \hat{s}G$  and every  $\alpha_i$  will be called a root representative. Clearly,  $\Phi(F, G)$  is the set of distinct numbers (including infinity) which are associated with all possible

e.d. of  $sF-\hat{s}G$ . The set  $\bar{\Phi}(F,G)=\{(\alpha_i, \tau_{\alpha_i}), i \in \mathbb{N}\}$ , where  $\tau_{\alpha_i}$  is the algebraic multiplicity of  $\alpha_i \in \Phi(F,G)$  in  $\mathcal{D}_{\alpha_i}(F,G)$  will be referred to as the root set of  $(F,G)$ . The set  $\Phi(F,G)$  is clearly symmetric (i.e. if  $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{C}-\mathbb{R}$  and  $\alpha_i \in \Phi(F,G)$ , then  $\alpha_i^* \in \Phi(F,G)$ ) and the maximal subset of  $\Phi(F,G)$  defined by  $\Phi'(F,G) \triangleq \{\forall \alpha_i \in \Phi(F,G) : \alpha_i \neq \alpha_i^*\}$  will be called the half root range of  $(F,G)$ . Finally,  $\langle \mathcal{D}(F,G) \rangle \triangleq \bigcup_{\alpha_i} \mathcal{D}_{\alpha_i}(F,G)$  for all  $\alpha_i \in \Phi(F,G)$  denotes the set of all e.d. of  $sF-\hat{s}G$ .

For the pair  $(F,G)$ , or with the pencil  $sF-\hat{s}G$  we shall denote by  $T_k(F,G)$ ,  $\tilde{T}_k(F,G)$  the  $k$ -th order right-, left-Toeplitz matrices of  $(F,G)$  (see eqns. (5.6), (5.7)) and by  $N_r^k, N_\ell^k$  the right-, left-null spaces of  $T_k(F,G), \tilde{T}_k(F,G)$  correspondingly; if  $\theta_k = \dim N_r^k$  and  $\tilde{\theta}_k = \dim N_\ell^k$ , then by  $C_r(F,G) = \{\theta_k : k = -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots, \theta_{-1} = \theta_0 = 0\}$  and  $C_\ell(F,G) = \{\tilde{\theta}_k : k = -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots, \tilde{\theta}_{-1} = \tilde{\theta}_0 = 0\}$  we shall denote the right-, left- $(F,G)$  sequences of  $(F,G)$  respectively (see Chapter 5). The sequences  $C_r(F,G), C_\ell(F,G)$  are Piecewise Arithmetic Progression sequences (PAPS) and their properties are characterised by Corollary (5.5), i.e.

$$\theta_k \leq \frac{\theta_{k-1} + \theta_{k+1}}{2}, \quad \theta_{-1} = \theta_0 = 0, \quad \forall k = -1, 0, 1, \dots \quad (7.2)$$

The sequence  $C_r(F,G)$  ( $C_\ell(F,G)$ ) will be called neutral, if for  $\forall k$ ,  $\theta_k = 0$ , and shall be called simple, if its only singular point is  $k=0$ ; clearly, if  $C_r(F,G)$  ( $C_\ell(F,G)$ ) is neutral, then  $N_r\{sF-\hat{s}G\} = \{0\}$  ( $N_\ell\{sF-\hat{s}G\} = \{0\}$ ) and if it simple, then  $sF-\hat{s}G$  has only zero c.m.i. (zero r.m.i.). Because of the sign of the inequality (7.2), the sequences  $C_r(F,G)$  and  $C_\ell(F,G)$  will be referred to as Nonincreasing P.A.P.S. (NI.P.A.P.S.). For the sequence  $C_r(F,G)$  ( $C_\ell(F,G)$ ) we have the following properties.

Proposition (7.1): Let  $sF-\hat{s}G$  be a general pencil and let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ . Then, the following properties hold true:

$$C_r(F,G) = C_r(G,F) = C_r(F, G - \alpha F) = C_r(F - \alpha G, G) \quad (7.3)$$

Proof

By Theorem (5.2), it is clear that  $C_r(F, G)$  is uniquely defined by  $I_c(F, G)$ ; thus, to prove the result we have to show the equivalent condition, i.e.

$$I_c(F, G) = I_c(G, F) = I_c(F, G - \alpha F) = I_c(F - \alpha G, G) \quad (7.4)$$

To prove (7.4), it is sufficient to show that the corresponding ordered pairs are  $E_B$ -equivalent (see Proposition (6.4)). It is obvious that  $(F, G)E_B(G, F)$ . If we define the projective transformation  $\beta$ :

$$\beta: \begin{bmatrix} s \\ \hat{s} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \alpha \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda \\ \hat{\lambda} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \alpha \in \mathbb{C} \quad (7.5a)$$

then for the induced transformation  $b \in B$  we have

$$b \circ (F, G) = (F, G - \alpha F) \quad (7.5b)$$

and thus  $(F, G)E_B(F, G - \alpha F)$ . Note that the invariance of  $I_c(F, G)$  under bilinear equivalence, is a general property under real, or complex projective transformations and this completes the proof.  $\square$

The above result provides the means to extend the notion of Piecewise Arithmetic Progression sequences, characterising the root representatives of a regular pencil (and thus the Segré characteristics) to the case of singular pencils.

Definition (7.1): Let  $sF - \hat{s}G \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}[s, \hat{s}]$ ,  $\text{rank}_{\mathbb{R}(s, \hat{s})} \{sF - \hat{s}G\} = \rho \leq \min\{m, n\}$ .

For  $\forall \alpha, \hat{\alpha} \in \mathbb{C}$  we define:

(i) For  $\forall k=1, 2, \dots$  the matrices

$$P_{\alpha}^1(F, G) = G - \alpha F, \dots, P_{\alpha}^k(F, G) = \begin{bmatrix} G - \alpha F & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ -F & G - \alpha F & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & G - \alpha F & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & -F & G - \alpha F \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{C}^{km \times kn} \quad (7.6a)$$



$$P^1(G, F) = F - \hat{\alpha}G, \dots, P_{\hat{\alpha}}^k(G, F) = \begin{bmatrix} F - \hat{\alpha}G & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ -G & F - \hat{\alpha}G & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & F - \hat{\alpha}G & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & -G & F - \hat{\alpha}G \end{bmatrix} \quad (7.6b)$$

as the k-th order  $\alpha$ -(F,G)-Toeplitz matrices ( $k$ - $\alpha$ -(F,G)-T.M.) and k-th order  $\hat{\alpha}$ -(G,F)-Toeplitz matrices ( $k$ - $\hat{\alpha}$ -(G,F)-T.M.) of the pencil respectively. For  $\hat{\alpha}=0$ , we set  $P_{\hat{\alpha}}^k(G, F) \triangleq P_{\infty}^k(F, G)$  and  $P_{\infty}^k(F, G)$  shall be referred to as k-th order  $\infty$ -(F,G)-Toeplitz matrices ( $k$ - $\infty$ -(F,G)-T.M.) of the pencil.

(ii) Let  $N_{r, \alpha}^k \triangleq N_r(P_{\alpha}^k(F, G))$ ,  $\hat{N}_{r, \hat{\alpha}}^k \triangleq N_r(P_{\hat{\alpha}}^k(G, F))$ ,  $N_{\ell, \alpha}^k \triangleq N_{\ell}(P_{\alpha}^k(F, G))$ ,  $\hat{N}_{\ell, \hat{\alpha}}^k \triangleq N_{\ell}(P_{\hat{\alpha}}^k(G, F))$ . The sequences defined by

$$J_{\alpha}^r(F, G) \triangleq \{n_k^{\alpha} : n_{-1}^{\alpha} = n_0^{\alpha} = 0, n_k^{\alpha} = \dim N_{r, \alpha}^k : k \geq 1\} \quad (7.7a)$$

$$J_{\hat{\alpha}}^r(G, F) \triangleq \{\hat{n}_k^{\hat{\alpha}} : \hat{n}_{-1}^{\hat{\alpha}} = \hat{n}_0^{\hat{\alpha}} = 0, \hat{n}_k^{\hat{\alpha}} = \dim \hat{N}_{r, \hat{\alpha}}^k : k \geq 1\} \quad (7.7b)$$

will be referred to as the right- $\alpha$ -(F,G)-, right- $\hat{\alpha}$ -(G,F)-sequences of the pencil respectively. For  $\hat{\alpha}=0$ , we set  $J_{\hat{\alpha}}^r(G, F) \triangleq J_{\infty}^r(F, G) = \{n_k^{\infty}\}$  and  $J_{\infty}^r(F, G)$  will be called the right- $\infty$ -(F,G)-sequence of the pencil. In a similar manner we may define the left- $\alpha$ -(F,G)-, left- $\hat{\alpha}$ -(G,F)-sequences  $J_{\alpha}^{\ell}(F, G), J_{\hat{\alpha}}^{\ell}(G, F)$ , as well as  $J_{\infty}^{\ell}(F, G)$  for the given pencil.  $\square$

Remark (7.1): If  $sF - \hat{s}G$  is regular, then:

- (i) For  $\forall \alpha, \hat{\alpha}$  such that  $\alpha, \hat{\alpha} \notin \Phi(F, G)$ , the sequences  $J_{\alpha}^r(F, G), J_{\hat{\alpha}}^r(G, F)$  are zero sequences (all their elements are zero).
- (ii) For  $\forall \alpha, \hat{\alpha}$  such that  $\alpha, \hat{\alpha} \in \Phi(F, G)$ , the sequences  $J_{\alpha}^r(F, G), J_{\hat{\alpha}}^r(G, F)$  are non-trivial (they have at least one nonzero element); furthermore,  $J_{\alpha}^r(F, G), J_{\hat{\alpha}}^r(G, F)$  are Piecewise Arithmetic Progression Sequences at  $s=\alpha, s=\hat{\alpha}$  respectively.  $\square$

The sequences  $J_\alpha^r(F, G), J_\alpha^r(G, F)$  which are defined on a regular pencil  $sF - \hat{s}G$  shall be denoted by  $\bar{J}_\alpha^r(F, G), \bar{J}_\alpha^r(G, F)$  and the piecewise arithmetic progression property is expressed by the relationship

$$n_k^\alpha \geq \frac{n_{k-1}^\alpha + n_{k+1}^\alpha}{2} \quad (7.8)$$

Because of the sign of the inequality (7.8),  $\bar{J}_\alpha^r(F, G), \bar{J}_\alpha^r(G, F)$  will be referred to as Nondecreasing P.A.P.S. (ND.P.A.P.S.). The sequences  $J_\alpha^r(F, G), J_\alpha^r(G, F)$  play an important role in the study of the geometry of  $S(F, G)$  systems and their properties are examined next.

Lemma (7.1): Let  $sL_\varepsilon - \hat{s}L_\varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}^{\varepsilon \times (\varepsilon+1)}[s, \hat{s}]$  be the pencil defined by  $L_\varepsilon = [I_\varepsilon : 0], \hat{L}_\varepsilon = [0 : I_\varepsilon], \alpha, \hat{\alpha} \in \mathbb{C}$  and let  $n_k^\alpha = \dim N_{r, \alpha}^k, \hat{n}_k^{\hat{\alpha}} = \dim \hat{N}_{r, \hat{\alpha}}^k, m_k^\alpha = \dim N_{\ell, \alpha}^k, \hat{m}_k^{\hat{\alpha}} = \dim \hat{N}_{\ell, \hat{\alpha}}^k$ . For all  $k=1, 2, \dots, n_k^\alpha = \hat{n}_k^{\hat{\alpha}} = k$  and  $m_k^\alpha = \hat{m}_k^{\hat{\alpha}} = 0$ .

Proof

Consider the pencils  $sF_1 - \hat{s}G_1 = s(L_\varepsilon - \alpha \hat{L}_\varepsilon) - \hat{s}L_\varepsilon$  and  $sF_1 - \hat{s}G_2 = sL_\varepsilon - \hat{s}(\hat{L}_\varepsilon - \alpha L_\varepsilon)$ ; clearly,  $(F_1, G_1)E_B(L_\varepsilon, \hat{L}_\varepsilon)$  and  $(F_2, G_2)E_B(L_\varepsilon, \hat{L}_\varepsilon)$ . Since  $sL_\varepsilon - \hat{s}L_\varepsilon$  has as the only strict equivalence invariant the c.m.i.  $\varepsilon$ , then by Remark (6.19) we also have that  $(F_1, G_1)E_H(L_\varepsilon, \hat{L}_\varepsilon)$  and  $(F_2, G_2)E_H(L_\varepsilon, \hat{L}_\varepsilon)$ . The investigation of the values of  $n_k^\alpha, \hat{n}_k^{\hat{\alpha}}$  is equivalent to a study of solutions of the matrix equations

$$F_i x_i^i = 0, G_i x_i^i = F_i x_{i-1}^i, \dots, G_i x_{i-k-1}^i = F_i x_{i-k}^i, i=1, 2$$

which because  $(F_i, G_i)E_H(L_\varepsilon, \hat{L}_\varepsilon)$  are equivalent to the set of equations (5.16). By Lemma (5.2), it is clear that for  $\forall k$  the dimension of the solution space is  $k$  and thus  $n_k^\alpha = \hat{n}_k^{\hat{\alpha}} = k$ . The property  $m_k^\alpha = \hat{m}_k^{\hat{\alpha}} = 0$  follows from the linear independence of the rows of  $(F_i, G_i)$  for  $i=1, 2$ .  $\square$

In the following we shall study the properties of the sequences  $J_\alpha^r(F, G), J_\alpha^r(G, F), J_\alpha^l(F, G), J_\alpha^l(G, F)$ . The root range  $\phi(F, G) = \{\infty, 0, \alpha_i \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\}, \alpha_i \neq \alpha_j\}$  will be referred to the pencil  $sF - G$ , while  $\phi(G, F) = \{0, \infty, \hat{\alpha}_i = \alpha_i^{-1} \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\}, \hat{\alpha}_i \neq \hat{\alpha}_j\}$  will be

referred to as the inverse root range, or as the root range of  $F-\hat{s}G$  (the dual pencil). The results will be presented for the right sequences of the pencil  $sF-G$  (i.e.  $J_\alpha^r(F,G), J_\infty^r(F,G)$ ), whereas the case of left sequences may be treated by invoking "transposed duality" and the case of  $F-\hat{s}G$  by using "elementary divisor type duality".

Proposition (7.2): Let  $sF-G \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}[s]$ ,  $p = \dim N_r\{sF-G\}$ ,  $\phi(F,G)$  be the root range of  $sF-G$  and let  $n_k^\alpha = \dim N_{r,\alpha}^k$ ,  $\hat{n}_k^\alpha = \dim \hat{N}_{r,\alpha}^k$  be the associated integers defined for some  $\alpha, \hat{\alpha} \in \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$ .

(a) For  $\forall \alpha, \hat{\alpha} \in \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$ , such that  $\alpha \notin \phi(F,G), \hat{\alpha} \notin \phi(G,F)$ , then  $n_k^\alpha = \hat{n}_k^{\hat{\alpha}} = pk$ .

(b) Let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}, \alpha \in \phi(F,G)$  and let  $\mathcal{D}_\alpha(F,G) = \{(\alpha; d_i, \sigma_i), i \in \mathbb{N}_\alpha, 0 < d_1 < \dots < d_{v_\alpha}, \tau_\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^{v_\alpha} \sigma_i\}$  be the e.d. set of  $sF-G$  associated with  $\alpha$ . The dimensions  $n_k^\alpha$  satisfy the following properties:

(i) If  $d_i \leq k < d_{i+1}$ , then

$$n_k^\alpha = pk + \sum_{j=1}^i \sigma_j d_j + k \sum_{j=i+1}^{v_\alpha} \sigma_j$$

(ii) If  $k < d_1$ , then  $n_k^\alpha = pk + k \sum_{j=1}^{v_\alpha} \sigma_j$ .

(iii) If  $k \geq d_{v_\alpha}$ , then  $n_k^\alpha = pk + \sum_{j=1}^{v_\alpha} \sigma_j d_j$ .

(c) Let  $\infty \in \phi(F,G)$  and let  $\mathcal{D}_\infty(F,G) = \{(\infty; q_i, \hat{\sigma}_i), i \in \mathbb{N}_\infty, 0 < q_1 < \dots < q_{v_\infty}, \tau_\infty = \sum_{i=1}^{v_\infty} \hat{\sigma}_i\}$  be the infinite e.d. set of  $sF-G$ . Then,  $n_k^\infty = \hat{n}_k^{\infty}$  and  $\hat{n}_k^{\infty}$  satisfy the following properties:

(i) If  $q_i \leq k < q_{i+1}$ , then

$$n_k^\infty = \hat{n}_k^{\infty} = pk + \sum_{j=1}^i q_j \hat{\sigma}_j + k \sum_{j=i+1}^{v_\infty} \hat{\sigma}_j$$

(ii) If  $k < q_1$ , then  $n_k^\infty = \hat{n}_k^{\infty} = pk + k \sum_{j=1}^{v_\infty} \hat{\sigma}_j$ .

(iii) If  $k \geq q_{v_\infty}$ , then  $n_k^\infty = \hat{n}_k^{\infty} = pk + \sum_{j=1}^{v_\infty} q_j \hat{\sigma}_j$ .

#### Proof

It is clear that the numbers  $n_k^\alpha, \hat{n}_k^{\hat{\alpha}}$  are invariant under strict equivalence

transformations applied on  $sF-G$ ; thus, the properties of  $n_k^\alpha, \hat{n}_k^\alpha$  may be studied on any element of the orbit  $E_H(F, G)$ . Let  $(R, Q)$  be a pair of  $E_H$  transformations which reduce  $sF-G$  to

$$sF'-G' = R(sF-G)Q = \text{block-diag}\{sF_c-G_c; sF_r-G_r; s\bar{F}-\bar{G}\} \quad (7.9a)$$

where  $s\bar{F}-\bar{G}, sF_c-G_c, sF_r-G_r$  are regular-, right-, left-restrictions correspondingly of  $sF-G$ . By the block-diagonal decomposition of  $sF'-G'$  it follows that the null spaces of  $P_\alpha^k(F', G'), P_{\hat{\alpha}}^k(G', F')$  may be expressed as direct sums of the corresponding null spaces of the matrices defined on the subpencils  $sF_c-G_c, sF_r-G_r, s\bar{F}-\bar{G}$ ; thus, if  $n_\alpha^k, n_\alpha'^k, n_{c,\alpha}^k, n_{r,\alpha}^k, n_\alpha''^k$  and  $\hat{n}_\alpha^k, \hat{n}_\alpha'^k, \hat{n}_{c,\hat{\alpha}}^k, \hat{n}_{r,\hat{\alpha}}^k, \hat{n}_\alpha''^k$  are the numbers defined for  $\alpha$  and  $\hat{\alpha} \in \mathbb{T}$  on the pencils  $sF-G, sF'-G', sF_c-G_c, sF_r-G_r, s\bar{F}-\bar{G}$  correspondingly then

$$n_\alpha^k = n_\alpha'^k = n_{c,\alpha}^k + n_{r,\alpha}^k + n_\alpha''^k \quad \forall k \quad (7.9b)$$

$$\hat{n}_\alpha^k = \hat{n}_\alpha'^k = \hat{n}_{c,\hat{\alpha}}^k + \hat{n}_{r,\hat{\alpha}}^k + \hat{n}_\alpha''^k \quad \forall k \quad (7.9c)$$

Note that  $sF_c-G_c, sF_r-G_r$  may always be considered in the Kronecker form and thus by Lemma (7.1) it is readily shown that

$$n_{c,\alpha}^k = \hat{n}_{c,\hat{\alpha}}^k = pk, n_{r,\alpha}^k = \hat{n}_{r,\hat{\alpha}}^k = 0 \quad \forall k \quad (7.9d)$$

The properties of the numbers  $n_\alpha''^k, \hat{n}_\alpha''^k$  are described by Corollary (4.4) and the result is readily established.  $\square$

Remark (7.2): If  $n_\alpha^k, \hat{n}_\alpha^k$  and  $n_\alpha''^k, \hat{n}_\alpha''^k$  are the numbers defined on the pencils  $sF-G$  and  $s\bar{F}-\bar{G}$ , where  $s\bar{F}-\bar{G}$  is a regular restriction of  $sF-G$ , then

$$n_\alpha^k = pk + n_\alpha''^k \quad \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{T}, \quad \forall k=1, 2, \dots \quad (7.10a)$$

$$\hat{n}_\alpha^k = pk + \hat{n}_\alpha''^k \quad \forall \hat{\alpha} \in \mathbb{T}, \quad \forall k=1, 2, \dots \quad (7.10b)$$

where  $p = \dim N_r\{sF-G\}$ .  $\square$



The above remark allows the extension of the results derived for the Piecewise Arithmetic Progression Sequences of a regular pair  $(F, G)$  at  $s=\alpha$ , to the case of singular pairs.

**Proposition (7.3):** The sequences  $J_\alpha^r(F, G), J_\alpha^r(G, F)$  defined for some  $\alpha \in \phi(F, G), \hat{\alpha} \in \phi(G, F), \alpha, \hat{\alpha} \in \mathbb{C}$  on a general pencil  $sF-G$  are ND.P.A.P.S. and for all  $k=1, 2, \dots$  satisfy the properties:

$$n_\alpha^k \geq \frac{n_\alpha^{k-1} + n_\alpha^{k+1}}{2}, \quad \hat{n}_{\hat{\alpha}}^k \geq \frac{\hat{n}_{\hat{\alpha}}^{k-1} + \hat{n}_{\hat{\alpha}}^{k+1}}{2} \quad (7.11)$$

In particular, we have that:

- (i) Strict inequality holds if and only if  $k$  is the degree of an e.d. of  $sF-G, F-\hat{s}G$  at  $s=\alpha, \hat{s}=\hat{\alpha}$  correspondingly.
- (ii) Inequality holds if and only if  $k$  is not the degree of an e.d. of  $sF-G, F-\hat{s}G$  at  $s=\alpha, \hat{s}=\hat{\alpha}$  correspondingly.

Proof

By noting that  $n_\alpha^k - n_\alpha^{k-1} = p + n_\alpha^k - n_\alpha^{k-1}, n_\alpha^{-1} = 0$  and by using Corollary (4.5) the result follows. □

If  $s\bar{F}-\bar{G}$  denotes any regular restriction of  $sF-G, I_p = \{n_k : n_{-1} = n_0 = 0, n_k = pk, k \geq 1\}$ , then Remark (7.2) implies that

$$J_\alpha^r(F, G) = I_p + J_\alpha^r(\bar{F}, \bar{G}) \quad \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{C} \quad (7.12a)$$

$$J_{\hat{\alpha}}^r(G, F) = I_p + J_{\hat{\alpha}}^r(\bar{G}, \bar{F}) \quad \forall \hat{\alpha} \in \mathbb{C} \quad (7.12b)$$

Clearly,  $J_\alpha^r(\bar{F}, \bar{G}), J_{\hat{\alpha}}^r(\bar{G}, \bar{F})$  are neutral (all elements zero) if  $\alpha \notin \phi(F, G), \hat{\alpha} \notin \phi(G, F)$ ; otherwise they are nontrivial and their properties (singularities and corresponding gaps) characterise the e.d. structure (Segre characteristic) of  $sF-G, F-\hat{s}G$  at the corresponding root representative. To define the sequences  $J_\alpha^r(\bar{F}, \bar{G}), J_{\hat{\alpha}}^r(\bar{G}, \bar{F})$  from the sequences  $J_\alpha^r(F, G), J_{\hat{\alpha}}^r(G, F)$  correspondingly we do not have to work out a regular restriction of  $sF-G$  but merely the

number  $p$  which uniquely defines the sequence  $I_p$ . The number  $p = \dim N_r\{sF-G\}$  may be readily defined by the following results.

**Proposition (7.4):** Let  $sF-G$  be a general pencil,  $p = \dim N_r\{sF-G\}$  and  $C_r(F,G)$  the corresponding sequence associated with the pencil. The number  $p$  may be defined by either of the following two methods:

- (i) Let  $\tau$  be an integer such that for  $\forall k \geq \tau$ ,  $\theta_k = (\theta_{k+1} + \theta_{k-1})/2$ . Then  $p = \theta_k - \theta_{k-1}$ .
- (ii) Let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$  be a number such that  $\alpha \notin \Phi(F,G)$ , then  $p = \dim N_r\{G - \alpha F\} = \dim N_r\{F - \alpha G\}$ .

Proof

Part (i) follows from Remark (5.7), whereas part (ii) follows by inspection of the Kronecker form. □

Clearly by selecting a few random numbers  $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{C}$  and computing  $\min\{\dim N_r\{G - \alpha_i F\}\}$  we may compute  $p$ . Then the sequences  $J_\alpha^r(\bar{F}, \bar{G}), J_\alpha^r(\bar{G}, \bar{F})$  may be found by

$$J_\alpha^r(\bar{F}, \bar{G}) = J_\alpha^r(F, G) - I_p, \quad \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{C} \quad (7.13a)$$

$$J_\alpha^r(\bar{G}, \bar{F}) = J_\alpha^r(G, F) - I_p, \quad \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{C} \quad (7.13b)$$

If  $J_\alpha^r(\bar{F}, \bar{G}), J_\alpha^r(\bar{G}, \bar{F})$  are non-neutral, then the procedures described in Chapter (4) may be used for the computation of the Segre characteristic for  $\forall \alpha \in \Phi(F,G)$ . A combination of the procedures described in Chapter (4) and Chapter (5) for the computation of the Weierstrass canonical form of a regular pencil and for the computation of the sets  $I_c(F,G), I_r(F,G)$  of a singular pencil correspondingly readily yields a procedure for computing the Kronecker form of a pencil without resorting to the use of transformations. A summary of this procedure is given below.

The Piecewise Arithmetic Progression Sequences Approach for the computation of the Kronecker canonical form

Let  $sF-G \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}[s]$  be a general pencil. The Kronecker form of  $sF-G$  may be computed without using strict equivalence transformations as follows:

Step (1): Compute the sequences  $C_r(F,G), C_\ell(F,G)$  associated with the pencil and by use of the PAPSD of Chapter (5) compute the sets  $I_c(F,G), I_r(F,G)$ , as well as the numbers  $p = \dim N_r\{sF-G\}$  and  $t = \dim N_\ell\{sF-G\}$ . Then the  $\text{rank}_{\mathbb{R}(s)}\{sF-G\} = \rho$  is defined by  $\rho = m - t = m - n + p$  if  $m \leq n$  and  $\rho = n - m + t = n - p$  if  $m \geq n$ .

Step (2): The root range  $\Phi(F,G)$  is computed as follows:

- (a) If  $\dim N_r(F) > p$ , then  $\infty \in \Phi(F,G)$ ; otherwise  $\infty \notin \Phi(F,G)$ .
- (b) If  $\dim N_r(G) > p$ , then  $0 \in \Phi(F,G)$ ; otherwise  $0 \notin \Phi(F,G)$ .
- (c) Let  $sF^\rho - G^\rho$  denote the  $\rho \times \rho$  subpencils of  $sF-G$ , which correspond to an  $\{a\}$   $\rho$ -set of columns and a  $\{b\}$   $\rho$ -set of columns of  $sF-G$ . There exists at least one subpencil  $sF^\rho - G^\rho$  for which  $C_r(F^\rho, G^\rho)$  is neutral (and thus  $C_\ell(F^\rho, G^\rho)$  is also neutral); such subpencils will be referred to as  $\rho$ -regular subpencils. If  $sF^\rho - G^\rho$  is a  $\rho$ -regular subpencil find  $\det(sF^\rho - G^\rho) = a(s)$  and let  $\sigma(F^\rho, G^\rho)$  be the distinct roots of  $a(s)$ . For  $\forall \beta \in \sigma(F^\rho, G^\rho)$  compute  $G - \beta F$ . If  $\dim N_r(G - \beta F) > p$ , then  $\beta \in \Phi(F,G)$ , otherwise  $\beta \notin \Phi(F,G)$ . The procedure yields the set  $\Phi(F,G)$ .

Step (3): For  $\forall \alpha \in \Phi(F,G), \alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ , compute the sequence  $J_\alpha^r(F,G)$  and by (7.13a) the sequence  $J_\alpha^r(\bar{F}, \bar{G})$ . Similarly for  $\alpha = \infty \in \Phi(F,G)$  compute the sequence  $J_\infty^r(G,F)$  and thus by (7.13b) the sequence  $J_\infty^r(\bar{G}, \bar{F})$ . From the sequences  $J_\alpha^r(\bar{F}, \bar{G}), J_\alpha^r(\bar{G}, \bar{F})$  compute the Segré characteristics for  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ , or  $\alpha = \infty$  by using either of the methods described in Chapter (4). The procedure yields the sets  $\mathcal{D}_\infty(F,G), \mathcal{D}_\alpha(F,G)$  of the pencil which together with the sets  $I_c(F,G), I_r(F,G)$  define the Kronecker form. □

The sequences  $C_r(F,G), C_\ell(F,G)$  and  $J_\alpha^r(F,G)$ , for  $\forall \alpha \in \Phi(F,G)$  uniquely

characterise the strict equivalence orbit  $E_H(F, G)$ ; this characterisation is summarised by the following result.

Theorem (7.1): Let  $sF - G \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}[s]$  be a general pencil and let  $\Phi(F, G) = \{\alpha_i, \alpha_i \in \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}, i \in \mathcal{U}\}$  be the root range of  $sF - G$ . The set  $\Phi(F, G)$  and the sequences  $J_\alpha^r(F, G), \forall \alpha \in \Phi(F, G), C_r(F, G), C_\lambda(F, G)$  form a complete set of invariants for the strict equivalence class  $E_H(F, G)$ . □

By interpreting the strict equivalence invariants of  $E_H(F, G)$  in terms of the corresponding sequences a unification of the different notions of invariants is achieved, since each one of them is characterised by the properties of a Piecewise Arithmetic Progression Sequence. The Kronecker form may then be interpreted as a canonical form describing the singular points and associated gaps of the corresponding PAPS.

### 7.3 The geometry of the subspaces of the domain of $(F, G)$

#### 7.3.1 Introduction: Background notation and definitions

The algebraic, number theoretic and frequency-space relativistic properties of matrix pencils have a natural geometric interpretation; it is the aim of the present section to study these properties and to demonstrate that the geometric properties may be naturally derived as a byproduct of the underlying algebraic and number theoretic aspects. The effect of frequency-space transformations on the geometric properties will be examined in the following chapter. Central to our study is the classification of geometric properties of the subspaces of the domain of the pair  $(F, G)$ .

Let  $U$  and  $W$  be vector spaces over a common field  $F$  (in our present study  $F = \mathbb{R}$ ) and let  $L(U; W)$  denote the set of all linear mappings from  $U$  into  $W$ . The set  $L(U; W)$  is a linear vector space under addition and scalar



multiplication. If  $(f, g) \in L(U; W) \times L(U; W)$ , then the pencil of linear operators  $s\hat{f} - \hat{s}g$  defined on the pair  $(f, g)$  is a mapping of  $U$  into  $W$ . For a definite choice of bases  $B_U, B_W$  in these spaces the pencil of operators  $s\hat{f} - \hat{s}g$  corresponds to a pencil of rectangular matrices  $sF - \hat{s}G$  (of dimension  $m \times n$ ,  $m = \dim W$ ,  $n = \dim U$ ); the representation is illustrated by the following commutative diagram

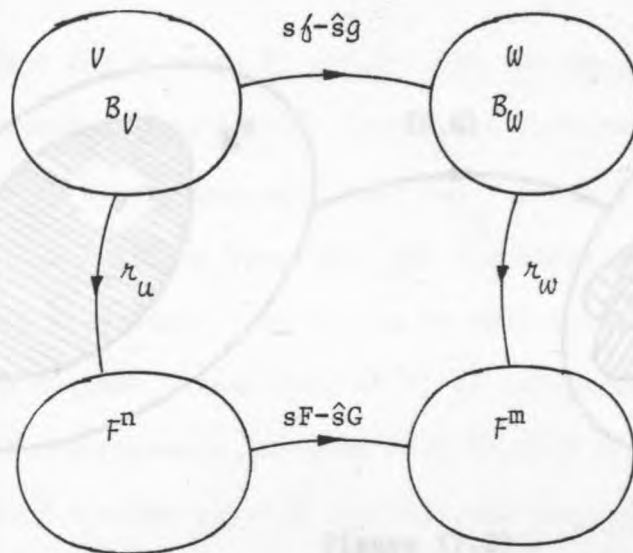


Figure (7.1)

where  $r_U, r_W$  are the representation maps of  $U, W$  with respect to the given bases  $B_U, B_W$ . Thus  $sF - \hat{s}G$  is a matrix representation of  $s\hat{f} - \hat{s}g$  with respect to  $B_U, B_W$  and under a change of bases in  $U, W$ , the new matrix representation of  $s\hat{f} - \hat{s}g$  becomes  $R(sF - \hat{s}G)Q$  where  $R, Q$  are square nonsingular matrices expressing the coordinate transformations in the domain and codomain of  $s\hat{f} - \hat{s}g$ . Clearly, strict equivalence of matrix pencils is equivalent to a study of the pencil of linear operators  $s\hat{f} - \hat{s}g$  and the set of strict equivalence invariants characterise uniquely the pencil of operators. It is therefore expected that the geometric properties of the subspaces of  $U$  under the  $(f, g)$ -pair mapping to be intimately related to the set of strict

equivalence invariants which characterise  $s\hat{f}-s\hat{g}$ . In the following it will be assumed that  $U=\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $W=\mathbb{R}^m$  and thus  $sF-sG$  is the pencil of interest which is associated with the ordered pair  $(F,G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ . If  $V$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $(FV, GV)$  denotes the ordered pair of the images of  $V$  under  $(F,G)$ , then the fundamental geometric questions which have to be examined are those revolving around the relationships between the subspaces  $FV, GV$  represented in Figure (7.2).

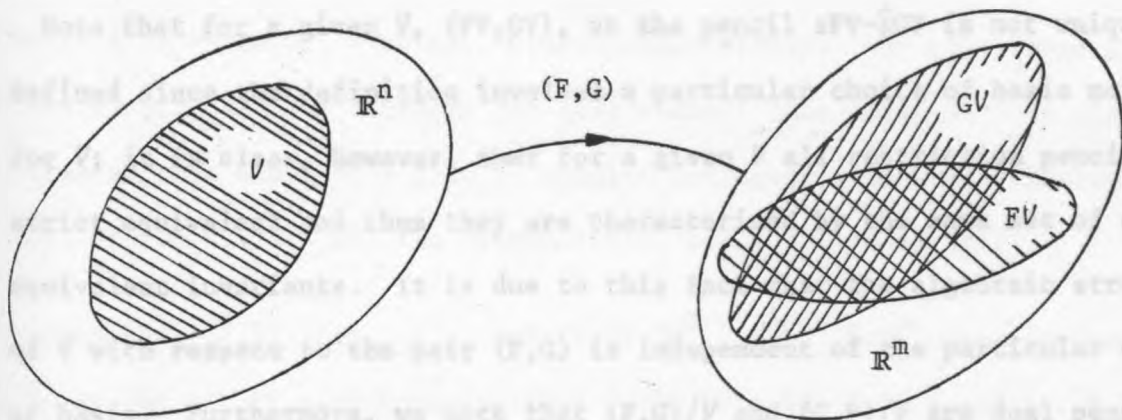


Figure (7.2)

The key tool in our study is the notion of the  $V$ -restricted ordered pair, or alternatively of the  $V$ -restricted matrix pencil. The notion of the  $V$ -restricted ordered pair of maps is an extension of the standard notion defined on linear maps. Thus, let  $f:U \rightarrow W$  be a linear map,  $V \subset U$  be a subspace with insertion map  $u:V \rightarrow U$ . Let  $B_U, B_W$  be a basis for  $U, W$  respectively and let  $F$  and  $V$  be the matrix representations of  $f$  and  $u$  correspondingly with respect to  $B_U, B_W$ . The restriction of  $f$  to  $V$  is the map  $f/V:V \rightarrow W$  defined by  $f/V \triangleq f \circ u$  and the matrix representation of  $f/V$  with respect to the bases  $B_U, B_W$  is defined by

$$[f/V] = [f][v] = FV \quad (7.14)$$

where by  $[\cdot]$  denote the operation of matrix representation. This notion

may be readily extended to ordered pairs  $(F, G)$  (or  $(f, g)$ ) and thus to matrix pencils as follows:

Definition (7.2): Let  $(F, G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $V$  a basis matrix of  $V$  (relative to the standard basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ). The pair  $(FV, GV)$  will be called a  $V$ -restricted ordered pair; the associated pencils  $sFV - GV, FV - \hat{s}GV$  will be termed  $(F, G)$ -,  $(G, F)$ - $V$  restriction pencils and shall be denoted by  $(F, G)/V, (G, F)/V$  respectively.  $\square$

Note that for a given  $V$ ,  $(FV, GV)$ , or the pencil  $sFV - \hat{s}GV$  is not uniquely defined since the definition involves a particular choice of basis matrix for  $V$ ; it is clear, however, that for a given  $V$  all restriction pencils are strict equivalent and thus they are characterised by the same set of strict equivalent invariants. It is due to this fact that the algebraic structure of  $V$  with respect to the pair  $(F, G)$  is independent of the particular choice of basis. Furthermore, we note that  $(F, G)/V$  and  $(G, F)/V$  are dual pencils (elementary divisor type of duality) and thus the properties of  $V$  with respect to  $(F, G)$  may be studied either in terms of  $sFV - GV$ , or in terms of  $FV - \hat{s}GV$ . The uniqueness of the characterisation of  $V$  with respect to  $(F, G)$ , in terms of the strict equivalence of  $(F, G)/V$ , or  $(G, F)/V$  has led to the algebraic characterisation of  $V$  [Kar. 1]. Before we introduce this characterisation we give some useful notation.

The sets of invariants defined by eqns. (7.1) will be denoted by  $I_c(F, G), I_r(F, G), \mathcal{D}_o(F, G), \mathcal{D}_\infty(F, G), \mathcal{D}_\alpha(F, G)$ , when they are referred to the  $(F, G)$  pair, or the pencil  $sF - G$  ( $\hat{s}=1$ ) and by  $I_c(G, F), I_r(G, F), \mathcal{D}_\infty(G, F), \mathcal{D}_o(G, F), \mathcal{D}_\alpha^\wedge(G, F)$ , when they are referred to the pair  $(G, F)$ , or the pencil  $F - \hat{s}G$  ( $s=1$ ).

Whenever there is no ambiguity about the pair  $(F, G)$ , or  $(G, F)$ , the types of invariants of  $sF - G$  will be denoted in short by  $I_c, I_r, \mathcal{D}_o^s, \mathcal{D}_\infty^s, \mathcal{D}_\alpha^s$  and those of  $F - \hat{s}G$  by  $I_c, I_r, \mathcal{D}_\infty^\wedge, \mathcal{D}_o^\wedge, \mathcal{D}_\alpha^\wedge$  ( $\hat{\alpha} = \alpha^{-1}$ ). A set of the above type (i.e.  $I_c, I_r, \mathcal{D}_o^s, \mathcal{D}_\infty^s, \mathcal{D}_\alpha^s$ ) will be called prime, if it contains only one element (i.e. one

c.m.i., or r.m.i., or one e.d. respectively). The root range of a pair  $(F, G)$  will be denoted in short by  $\phi$ , whenever there is no ambiguity about the pair; the inverse root range of  $(F, G)$ , or the root range of  $(G, F)$  shall be denoted by  $\hat{\phi}$ . The root range  $\phi$ , or the corresponding pair  $(F, G)$  shall be called  $\infty$ -proper, o-proper and shall be denoted by  $\phi_\infty, \phi_o$ , respectively, if  $\infty \notin \phi, o \notin \phi$  correspondingly; if  $\phi$  is both  $\infty$ -proper and o-proper, then it will be referred to as proper and shall be denoted by  $\phi_p$ . Clearly, by the e.d. type of duality, if  $\phi$  is o-proper,  $\infty$ -proper, proper, then  $\hat{\phi}$  is  $\infty$ -proper, o-proper, proper respectively. The root range will be called simple, if  $\phi$  contains one real element (the point at  $\infty$  is also treated this way), or a pair of complex conjugate elements. Finally, a set of r.m.i. with all its elements zero will be denoted by  $I_r^0$ .

Definition (7.3) [Kar. -1]: Let  $(F, G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a subspace,  $I_V$  be the set of strict equivalence invariants of  $(F, G)/V$  and let  $\phi$  be the root range of  $(F, G)/V$ . The subspace  $V$  will be called:

(a)  $\phi$ -(F,G)-elementary divisor subspace ( $\phi$ -(F,G)-e.d.s.), if  $I_V = \{D_{\alpha_i}^s, \forall \alpha_i \in \phi \text{ and possibly } I_r^0\}$ . If  $\phi$  is o-proper,  $\infty$ -proper, proper, then  $V$  will be called respectively o-proper,  $\infty$ -proper, proper,  $\phi$ -(F,G)-e.d.s. and shall be denoted by  $\phi_o$ -(F,G)-e.d.s.,  $\phi_\infty$ -(F,G)-e.d.s.,  $\phi_p$ -(F,G)-e.d.s. correspondingly. If the set  $\phi$  is simple, then the corresponding subspaces will be referred to as simple; if  $\phi = \{0\}, \{\infty\}, \{\alpha, \alpha \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}\}$  or,  $\{\alpha, \alpha^*, \alpha, \alpha^* \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\}\}$ , then the corresponding subspaces will be denoted by o-(F,G)-e.d.s.,  $\infty$ -(F,G)-e.d.s.,  $\alpha$ -(F,G)-e.d.s.,  $(\alpha, \alpha^*)$ -(F,G)-e.d.s. respectively. If  $\phi$  is simple and the corresponding set of e.d. is prime, then  $V$  will be called prime  $\phi$ -(F,G)-e.d.s.

(b)  $I_c$ -(F,G)-column minimal index subspace ( $I_c$ -(F,G)-c.m.i.s.) if  $I_V = \{I_c \text{ and possibly } I_r^0\}$ . If  $I_c$  is prime and  $I_c = \{\epsilon\}$ , then  $V$  will be called prime and shall be denoted by  $\epsilon$ -(F,G)-c.m.i.s.



(c)  $\underline{I_r}-(F,G)$ -row minimal index subspace ( $\underline{I_r}-(F,G)$ -c.m.i.s.), if  $I_V=\{I_r\}$ .

If  $I_r$  contains at least one nonzero element, then it will be called nonreduced, otherwise ( $I_r=I_r^0$ ) it will be referred to as reduced. □

By the e.d. type duality we have the following obvious result.

Proposition (7.5): Let  $(F,G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a subspace  $(F,G)/V$ ,  $(G,F)/V$  be the associated restriction pencils and let  $\Phi, \hat{\Phi}$  be the corresponding root ranges of the two pencils. The pencils  $(F,G)/V, (G,F)/V$  are dual,  $\hat{\Phi}$  is the inverse root range of  $\Phi$  and the following properties hold true:

- (i)  $V$  is  $\Phi_0, -(F,G)$ -e.d.s., iff it is  $\hat{\Phi}_\infty, -(G,F)$ -e.d.s.
- (ii)  $V$  is  $\Phi_\infty, -(F,G)$ -e.d.s., iff it is  $\hat{\Phi}_0, -(G,F)$ -e.d.s.
- (iii)  $V$  is  $\Phi_p, -(F,G)$ -e.d.s., iff it is  $\hat{\Phi}_p, -(G,F)$ -e.d.s.
- (iv)  $V$  is  $I_c, -(F,G)$ -c.m.i.s., iff it is  $I_c, -(G,F)$ -c.m.i.s.
- (v)  $V$  is  $I_r, -(F,G)$ -r.m.i.s., iff it is  $I_c, -(G,F)$ -r.m.i.s. □

Remark (7.3): If  $V$  is simple  $\Phi-(F,G)$ -e.d.s. and the corresponding e.d. set is  $\{D_0^S\}, \{D_\infty^S\}, \{D_\alpha^S, \alpha \in \mathbb{R}-\{0\}\}$ , or,  $\{D_\alpha^S, D_{\alpha^*}^S, \alpha, \alpha^* \in \mathbb{C}-\{0\}\}$ , then  $V$  is also simple  $\hat{\Phi}-(G,F)$ -e.d.s. with an e.d. set  $\{D_\infty^{\hat{S}}\}, \{D_0^{\hat{S}}\}, \{D_\alpha^{\hat{S}}, \hat{\alpha}=\alpha^{-1}\}$ , or,  $\{D_\alpha^{\hat{S}}, D_{\alpha^*}^{\hat{S}}, \hat{\alpha}=\alpha^{-1}, \hat{\alpha}^*=\alpha^{*-1}\}$  respectively. □

Any subspace  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is characterised by the set  $I_V$  which is associated with  $(F,G)/V$ . The block diagonal decomposition of the Kronecker canonical form of  $(F,G)/V$ , clearly suggests that  $V$  may be decomposed into a direct sum of prime  $0-(F,G)$ -e.d.s.,  $\infty-(F,G)$ -e.d.s.,  $\alpha-(F,G)$ -e.d.s.,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}-\{0\}$ ,  $(\alpha, \alpha^*)-(F,G)$ -e.d.s.,  $\alpha, \alpha^* \in \mathbb{C}-\{0\}$ ,  $\varepsilon-(F,G)$ -c.m.i.s. and nonreduced  $\zeta-(F,G)$ -r.m.i.s. Subspaces of the above type will be referred to in short as prime invariant subspaces of the pair  $(F,G)$  and their study is of crucial importance in our attempt to classify the subspaces of the domain of  $(F,G)$ .

### 7.3.2 The structure of simple invariant subspaces of $(F, G)$

Our aim in this section is to derive a set of geometric and number theoretic conditions which characterise the prime (simple) invariant subspaces of  $(F, G)$ . The results derived here provide the means for the classification of the subspaces  $V$  of the domain of  $(F, G)$ .

**Theorem (7.2):** Let  $(F, G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a subspace and let  $\dim V = d$ . Necessary and sufficient conditions for  $V$  to be a prime  $\alpha$ -( $F, G$ )-e.d.s.,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$  and thus a prime  $\hat{\alpha}$ -( $G, F$ )-e.d.s.,  $\hat{\alpha} = \alpha^{-1}$  are:

- (i)  $N_r(F) \cap V = 0$  and  $N_r(G) \cap V = 0$ .
- (ii) There exist bases  $\beta_\alpha = \{\underline{x}_i, i \in \underline{d}\}$ ,  $\beta_{\hat{\alpha}} = \{\hat{\underline{x}}_i, i \in \underline{d}\}$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$  such that

$$G\underline{x}_i = \alpha F\underline{x}_i + F\underline{x}_{i-1}, \quad i \in \underline{d}, \quad \underline{x}_0 = \underline{0} \quad (7.15a)$$

$$F\hat{\underline{x}}_i = \hat{\alpha} G\hat{\underline{x}}_i + G\hat{\underline{x}}_{i-1}, \quad i \in \underline{d}, \quad \hat{\underline{x}}_0 = \underline{0}, \quad \hat{\alpha} = \alpha^{-1} \quad (7.15b)$$

#### Proof

If  $V$  is a basis matrix for  $V$ , then the pair  $(FV, GV)$  is characterised by an e.d.  $(s-\alpha)^d$  and possibly  $I_r^0$ . By inspection of the Kronecker form it follows that  $N_r(FV) = N_r(GV) = 0$  and thus  $N_r(F) \cap V = 0$  and  $N_r(G) \cap V = 0$ . By Proposition (4.1), the existence of the bases  $\{\underline{x}_i, i \in \underline{d}\}$  and  $\{\hat{\underline{x}}_i, i \in \underline{d}\}$  for which conditions (7.15a), (7.15b) are satisfied is established; this proves the necessity. The sufficiency is established as follows: Conditions (i) imply that for every basis matrix  $V$  of  $V$ ,  $N_r(FV) = N_r(GV) = 0$  and thus the pencil  $(F, G)/V$  has no c.m.i. and no zero, infinite e.d. By Proposition (4.2) the existence of the basis  $\{\underline{x}_i, i \in \underline{d}\}, \{\hat{\underline{x}}_i, i \in \underline{d}\}$  satisfying the chain conditions (7.15a), (7.15b) respectively imply the existence of an e.d.  $(s-\alpha)^d$  for  $(F, G)/V$ , or  $(\hat{s}-\hat{\alpha})^d$  for  $(G, F)/V$ . By inspection of the dimensions of  $(F, G)/V$ , it follows that if there are r.m.i., then all of them must be zero.

Prime  $(\alpha, \alpha^*)-(F, G)$ -e.d.s. may be characterised by a similar result as it is stated below. Note, that since  $\alpha = \sigma + j\omega$ ,  $\alpha^* = \sigma - j\omega \in \mathbb{C}$ , such subspaces may also be denoted as  $(\sigma, \omega)-(F, G)$ -e.d.s.

Corollary (7.1): Let  $(F, G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a subspace and let  $\dim V = 2d$ . Necessary and sufficient conditions for  $V$  to be a prime  $(\sigma, \omega)-(F, G)$ -e.d.s. and thus a  $(\hat{\sigma}, \hat{\omega})-(G, F)$ -e.d.s., where  $\hat{\sigma} + j\hat{\omega} = (\sigma + j\omega)^{-1}$  are:

- (i)  $N_r(F) \cap V = 0$  and  $N_r(G) \cap V = 0$ .
- (ii) There exist bases  $B_{\sigma, \omega} = \{(\underline{a}_i, \underline{b}_i), i \in \underline{d}\}$ ,  $B_{\hat{\sigma}, \hat{\omega}} = \{(\hat{\underline{a}}_i, \hat{\underline{b}}_i), i \in \underline{d}\}$  and  $\alpha = \sigma + j\omega \in \mathbb{C} - \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\hat{\alpha} = \alpha^{-1} = \hat{\sigma} + j\hat{\omega}$  such that

$$\begin{cases} G\underline{a}_i = F\{\sigma\underline{a}_i - \omega\underline{b}_i\} + F\underline{a}_{i-1}, & i \in \underline{d}, \underline{a}_0 = 0 \\ G\underline{b}_i = F\{\omega\underline{a}_i + \sigma\underline{b}_i\} + F\underline{b}_{i-1}, & i \in \underline{d}, \underline{b}_0 = 0 \end{cases} \quad (7.16a)$$

$$\begin{cases} F\hat{\underline{a}}_i = G\{\hat{\sigma}\hat{\underline{a}}_i - \hat{\omega}\hat{\underline{b}}_i\} + G\hat{\underline{a}}_{i-1}, & i \in \underline{d}, \hat{\underline{a}}_0 = 0 \\ F\hat{\underline{b}}_i = G\{\hat{\omega}\hat{\underline{a}}_i + \hat{\sigma}\hat{\underline{b}}_i\} + G\hat{\underline{b}}_{i-1}, & i \in \underline{d}, \hat{\underline{b}}_0 = 0 \end{cases} \quad (7.16b)$$

□

The proof of the above Corollary follows along similar lines to those of Theorem (7.2), the only difference is that the real Kronecker canonical form is used for the establishment of the bases in part (ii). By slight modification of the conditions of Theorem (7.2) we have the following Corollaries.

Corollary (7.2): Let  $(F, G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a subspace and let  $\dim V = d$ . Necessary and sufficient conditions for  $V$  to be a prime  $o-(F, G)$ -e.d.s. and thus a prime  $\infty-(G, F)$ -e.d.s. are:

- (i)  $N_r(G) \cap V \neq 0$  and  $N_r(F) \cap V = 0$ .
- (ii) There exists a basis  $B_o = \{\underline{x}_i^o, i \in \underline{d}\}$  such that

$$G\underline{x}_i^o = F\underline{x}_{i-1}^o, \quad i \in \underline{d}, \quad \underline{x}_0^o = 0 \quad (7.17)$$

Proof

From the proof of Theorem (7.2) we have that  $N_r(F) \cap V = 0$  excludes the existence of c.m.i. for (FV, GV) pair, as well as the existence of infinite e.d. By setting  $\alpha=0$  into (7.15a) and using Proposition (4.2), the result follows. □

Corollary (7.3): Let  $(F, G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $V \in \mathbb{R}^n$  be a subspace and let  $\dim V = d$ . Necessary and sufficient conditions for  $V$  to be a prime  $\infty$ -(F, G)-e.d.s. and thus a prime  $\infty$ -(G, F)-e.d.s. are:

- (i)  $N_r(F) \cap V \neq 0$  and  $N_r(G) \cap V = 0$ .
- (ii) There exists a basis  $B_\infty = \{x_i^\infty, i \in \underline{d}\}$  such that

$$F x_i^\infty = G x_{i-1}^\infty, i \in \underline{d}, x_0^\infty = 0 \quad (7.18)$$
□

The bases  $B_\alpha, (B_\alpha^\wedge), B_{\sigma, \omega}, (B_{\sigma, \omega}^\wedge), B_o, B_\infty$  defined in the above results characterise the various types of prime (F, G) elementary divisor subspaces and shall be referred to as characteristic bases. The above results clearly depend on the notion of a characteristic basis and in the following our attention is focussed on "basis free" characterisation of the prime, or simple, (F, G)-e.d.s.; some useful definitions and properties of special type pencils are considered first.

Definition (7.4): Let  $(F, G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ . The pair (F, G) will be called right nonsingular, (left nonsingular) if  $C_r(F, G), (C_\ell(F, G))$  is neutral. If (F, G) is right (left) nonsingular and  $C_\ell(F, G) (C_r(F, G))$  is either neutral, or simple, then (F, G) will be called extended right regular (extended left regular). □

Clearly, if (F, G) is right nonsingular, then  $sF - G$  has no c.m.i. and if (F, G) is extended right regular, then it has no c.m.i. and no nonzero r.m.i.



Remark (7.4): If  $sF-G \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}[s]$  is an extended right regular pencil, then  $m \geq n$  and there exists an  $R \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ ,  $|R| \neq 0$ , such that

$$R(sF-G) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ s\bar{F}-\bar{G} \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $s\bar{F}-\bar{G}$  is a regular restriction of  $sF-G$ . □

For the class of right nonsingular pencils we have the following result.

Proposition (7.6): Let  $sF-G \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}[s]$  be a right nonsingular pencil and let  $s\bar{F}-\bar{G}$  be a regular restriction. Then, for  $\forall \alpha, \hat{\alpha} \in \mathbb{C}$  we have that

$$J_{\alpha}^r(F, G) = J_{\alpha}^r(\bar{F}, \bar{G}) \text{ and } J_{\hat{\alpha}}^r(G, F) = J_{\hat{\alpha}}^r(\bar{G}, \bar{F})$$

Furthermore, if  $(F, G)$  is extended right regular and then also for  $\forall k$

$$N_r(P_{\alpha}^k(F, G)) = N_r(P_{\alpha}^k(\bar{F}, \bar{G})), N_r(P_{\hat{\alpha}}^k(G, F)) = N_r(P_{\hat{\alpha}}^k(\bar{G}, \bar{F}))$$
□

The latter result readily follows from the definitions, eqns(7.12) and Remark (7.4). Proposition (7.6) implies that all definitions, properties of right null spaces of  $P_{\alpha}^k(F, G), P_{\hat{\alpha}}^k(G, F)$  and structure of basis matrices for these null spaces derived in Chapter (4) for regular pencils also carry over to the case of right nonsingular pencils. Thus, notions such as the index of annihilation  $\tau_{\alpha}$ , the  $k$ -th generalised null space  $M_{\alpha}^k$  and of the sequences  $J_{\alpha}(F, G)$ , defined for a regular pair  $(F, G)$  at  $s=\alpha$  may also be used in exactly the same way for the case of right nonsingular pencils.

For a given pair  $(F, G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , any subspace  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is characterised by the invariants of  $(F, G)/V$ . Theorem (7.1) implies that the sequences  $J_{\alpha}^r(FV, GV), J_{\hat{\alpha}}^r(GV, FV), \forall \alpha, \hat{\alpha} \in \mathbb{C}$  as well as  $C_r(FV, GV), C_{\ell}(FV, GV)$ , where  $V$  is a basis of  $V$ , are independent from the particular choice of the basis  $V$  and depend only on  $V$ ; thus, these sequences will be denoted by  $J_{\alpha}^r(F, G; V), J_{\hat{\alpha}}^r(G, F; V), C_r(F, G; V), C_{\ell}(F, G; V)$  and the root range by  $\Phi(F, G; V)$ . Note that if  $V$  is  $\Phi$ -( $F, G$ )-e.d.s., or  $I_V = \{D_{\alpha_i}^s, \alpha_i \in \Phi(F, G; V) \text{ and possibly } I_r\}$ , then

$(F,G)/V$  is extended right regular, or right nonsingular respectively and the notions of the  $k$ -th generalised null space of  $(F,G)/V$  at  $s=\alpha$  (Definition (4.1)) and thus of the maximal generalised null space of  $(F,G)/V$  at  $s=\alpha$  are well defined; in such cases, the dimension of the maximal generalised null space of  $(F,G)/V$  is independent of the particular choice of  $V$ , it will be denoted by  $d_\alpha(F,G;V)$ , and shall be called the  $\alpha$ -(F,G)-order of  $V$ . A subspace  $V$  for which  $(F,G)/V$  is right nonsingular will be referred to as an extended-(F,G)-right regular subspace (e-(F,G)-r.r.s.).

Proposition (7.7): Let  $(F,G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , and  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a subspace.

- (a) The subspace  $V$  is e-(F,G)-r.r.s. if and only if the sequence  $C_r(F,G;V)$  is neutral.
- (b) The subspace  $V$  is  $\Phi$ -(F,G)-e.d.s. if and only if  $C_r(F,G;V)$  is neutral and  $C_\ell(F,G;V)$  is either neutral, or simple.
- (c) A sufficient condition for  $V$  to be e-(F,G)-r.r.s. is that either  $N_r(F) \cap V = 0$  and/or  $N_r(G) \cap V = 0$ . □

The proof is rather obvious and it is omitted. For simple  $\Phi$ -(F,G)-e.d.s. we have the following result.

Theorem (7.3): Let  $(F,G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a subspace,  $\Phi(F,G;V) \neq 0$  be the root range of  $V$  and let  $\dim V = d$ .

- (a)  $V$  is a simple  $\alpha$ -(F,G)-e.d.s.,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\}$ , if and only if  $\alpha \in \Phi(F,G;V)$  and
  - (i)  $N_r(F) \cap V = 0$  and  $N_r(G) \cap V = 0$ .
  - (ii) If  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ , then  $d_\alpha(F,G;V) = d$ . If  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C} - \mathbb{R}$ , then  $d$  is even and  $d_\alpha(F,G;V) = d/2$ .
- (b)  $V$  is a simple  $\infty$ -(F,G)-e.d.s., if and only if
  - (i)  $N_r(F) \cap V \neq 0$  and  $N_r(G) \cap V = 0$ .
  - (ii)  $0 \in \Phi(G,F;V)$  and  $d_0(G,F;V) = d$ .
- (c)  $V$  is a simple  $0$ -(F,G)-e.d.s., if and only if

- (i)  $N_r(F) \cap V = 0$  and  $N_r(G) \cap V \neq 0$ .  
(ii)  $0 \in \Phi(F, G; V)$  and  $d_0(F, G; V) = d$ .

Proof

(a) By Proposition (7.7), and conditions (i) it follows that  $V$  is  $e-(F, G)$ -r.r.s. and by Theorem (7.2)  $I_V$  has no zero and infinite e.d. The pencil  $(F, G)/V$  is extended right nonsingular and thus since  $\alpha \in \Phi(G, F; V)$ ,  $J_\alpha^r(F, G; V)$  is not neutral. If  $I_\alpha(V) = \{(d_i, \sigma_i) | i \in \rho\}$  is the index set of  $(F, G)/V$  at  $s = \alpha$ , then  $d_\alpha(F, G; V) = \sum d_i \sigma_i = d$  implies that  $(F, G)/V$  has only finite e.d. at  $s = \alpha$  and possibly zero r.m.i. and thus sufficiency is established. The necessity of part (a) is obvious. The proof of the other parts is similar. □

The above result provides a basis free characterisation of simple  $\Phi-(F, G)$ -e.d.s.; such a characterisation clearly depends on the properties of the  $J_\alpha^r(F, G; V)$  sequences, which in turn define  $d_\alpha(F, G; V)$ .

Corollary (7.4): If  $V$  is an  $e-(F, G)$ -r.r.s.,  $\alpha \in \Phi(F, G; V)$ ,  $I_\alpha(F, G; V) = \{(d_i, \sigma_i) | i \in \rho, d_1 < \dots < d_\rho\}$  is the index set of  $(F, G)/V$  at  $s = \alpha$ , and  $\dim V = d$ ,  

$$d_\alpha(F, G; V) = \sum_{i=1}^{\rho} \sigma_i d_i.$$

- (i) If  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}$ , then  $d_\alpha(F, G; V) \leq d$  and equality holds, if and only if  $V$  is a simple  $\alpha-(F, G)$ -e.d.s.  
(ii) If  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C} - \mathbb{R}$ , then  $d_\alpha(F, G; V) \leq d/2$  and equality holds, if and only if  $V$  is a simple  $(\alpha, \alpha^*)-(F, G)$ -e.d.s. □

For the case of  $e-(F, G)$ -r.r.s.  $V$ , it is clear that Definition (4.4) and Theorem (4.5) also apply for  $(F, G)/V$ . In fact, if  $V$  is any basis matrix of  $V$ , and  $I_\alpha(F, G; V) = \{(d_i, \sigma_i) | i \in \rho\}$  is the index set of  $(FV, GV)$  at  $s = \alpha$  ( $\alpha \in \mathbb{T} \cup \{\infty\}$ ), then the notion of a complete prime set of chains  $\Sigma_\alpha(FV, GV) = \{S_\alpha(d_1, \underline{v}_1^{d_1}), \dots, S_\alpha(d_1, \underline{v}_{\sigma_1}^{d_1}); \dots; S_\alpha(d_\rho, \underline{v}_1^{d_\rho}), \dots, S_\alpha(d_\rho, \underline{v}_{\sigma_\rho}^{d_\rho})\}$ , where

$B_\alpha(FV, GV) = \{\underline{v}_1^{d_1}, \dots, \underline{v}_{\sigma_1}^{d_1}; \dots; \underline{v}_1^{d_\rho}, \dots, \underline{v}_{\sigma_\rho}^{d_\rho}\}$  is a normal basis of generators of  $(FV, GV)$  at  $s=\alpha$ , is well defined. Every  $d_i$ -th order prime chain  $S_\alpha(d_i, \underline{v}_k^{d_i}) = \{\underline{v}_{k,1}^{d_i}, \dots, \underline{v}_{k,d_i}^{d_i} : \underline{v}_{k,1}^{d_i} = \underline{v}_k^{d_i}\}$  satisfies conditions (7.15a) or (7.15b) if  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\}$ , conditions (7.17) if  $\alpha=0$  and conditions (7.18) if  $\alpha=\infty$ . Note that every chain  $S_\alpha(d_i, \underline{v}_k^{d_i})$  of  $(FV, GV)$  defines a chain of vectors in  $V$ , if we set  $\underline{x}_{k,j}^{d_i} = \underline{v}_{k,j}^{d_i}$ ,  $j \in d_i$ ; these chains of vectors in  $V$  will be denoted by  $S_\alpha(\underline{x}_k^{d_i}; V)$ , the set of such chains by  $\Sigma_\alpha(F, G; V)$  and the corresponding set of generators by  $B_\alpha(F, G; V)$ . The sets  $B_\alpha(F, G; V)$ ,  $S_\alpha(\underline{x}_k^{d_i}; V)$  and  $\Sigma_\alpha(F, G; V)$  are not uniquely defined, even for a given choice of basis matrix  $V$  and shall be referred to as an  $\alpha$ -normal basis of generators in  $V$ , an  $(\alpha, d_i)$ -prime chain in  $V$  and an  $\alpha$ -complete prime set of chains in  $V$  of  $(F, G)$  respectively. For a given choice of  $V$  basis matrix, the "Nested basis matrix approach", described in Chapter 4, may be applied on  $(FV, GV)$  for the computation of  $B_\alpha(F, G; V)$  and  $\Sigma_\alpha(F, G; V)$  sets. For every chain  $S_\alpha(\underline{x}_k^{d_i}; V) = \{\underline{x}_{k,j}^{d_i}, j \in d_i, \underline{x}_{k,1}^{d_i} = \underline{x}_k^{d_i}\}$  the subspace defined by  $V(\underline{x}_k^{d_i}) = \text{sp } S_\alpha(\underline{x}_k^{d_i}; V)$  has dimension  $d_i$ , it is a subspace of  $V$  and shall be called an  $(\alpha, d_i)$ -prime subspace in  $V$ ; the set of all such subspaces defined on  $\Sigma_\alpha(F, G; V)$  will be denoted by  $L_\alpha(F, G; V)$  and shall be referred to as an  $\alpha$ -complete prime set of subspaces in  $V$  of  $(F, G)$ .

For an  $e$ -( $F, G$ )-r.r.s.  $V$ , apart from the sets  $L_\alpha(F, G; V)$  we may also define the notion of maximal generalised nullspace at  $s=\alpha$ . Thus, if  $V$  is a basis matrix, the notion of the maximal generalised nullspace of  $(FV, GV)$  at  $s=\alpha$  is well defined, in a similar way to that of the regular case. Such a subspace, clearly depends on the choice of  $V$  and shall be denoted by  $M_\alpha^*(V)$ ; if  $X_V$  is a basis matrix of  $M_\alpha^*(V)$ , then  $N_\alpha^*(V) = \text{sp}\{VX_V\}$  is a subspace of  $V$  and shall be called an  $(\alpha, V)$ -maximal generalised nullspace in  $V$  of  $(F, G)$  at  $s=\alpha$  and its properties are discussed below.

Proposition (7.8): Let  $V$  be an  $e$ -( $F, G$ )-r.r.s.,  $\dim V = d$ ,  $\Phi(F, G; V)$  be the root range,  $I_\alpha(F, G; V) = \{(d_i, \sigma_i), i \in \rho\}$  be the index set of  $V$  at  $s=\alpha$  and let



$V, V'$  be two basis matrices of  $V$ . The following properties hold true:

- (i) For any  $\alpha \in \Phi(F, G; V)$ , then any set  $\Sigma_\alpha(F, G; V)$  and thus any set of subspaces  $L_\alpha(F, G; V)$  is linearly independent.
- (ii) Let  $\alpha \in \Phi(F, G; V)$ ,  $L_\alpha(F, G; V) = \{V_k^{d_i}, i \in \rho, k \in g_i\}$  be an  $\alpha$ -complete prime set of subspaces derived for a given  $V$  and let  $N_\alpha^*(V)$  be the corresponding  $(\alpha, V)$ -maximal generalised nullspace in  $V$ . Then,

$$N_\alpha^*(V) = V_1^{d_1} \oplus \dots \oplus V_{\sigma_1}^{d_1} \oplus \dots \oplus V_1^{d_\rho} \oplus \dots \oplus V_{\sigma_\rho}^{d_\rho} \quad (7.19)$$

$$\text{and } \dim N_\alpha^*(V) = d_\alpha(F, G; V) = \sum_{i=1}^{\rho} \sigma_i d_i.$$

- (iii) Let  $N_\alpha^*(V), N_\alpha^*(V')$  be the maximal generalised nullspaces that correspond to two different basis matrices  $V, V'$ . Then  $N_\alpha^*(V) = N_\alpha^*(V')$ .

#### Proof

Part (i) and Part (ii) are straightforward consequences of Theorem (4.5). Let  $N_\alpha^k, N_\alpha'^k$  be two nested basis matrices of  $N_r\{P_\alpha^k(FV, GV)\}, N_r\{P_\alpha^k(FV', GV')\}$  respectively and let  $V = V'Q, Q \in \mathbb{C}^{d \times d}, |Q| \neq 0$ ; it may be readily verified that  $N_\alpha^k = \text{diag}\{\underbrace{Q, \dots, Q}_k\} N_\alpha^k$ . If  $\tau$  is the index of annihilation of  $(FV, GV)$  and thus of  $(FV', GV')$  at  $s = \alpha$  then

$$\tilde{X}'_\tau = [X_1'^1, \dots, X_\tau'^\tau] = Q[X_1^1, \dots, X_\tau^\tau] = Q\tilde{X}_\tau$$

where  $\tilde{X}_\tau, \tilde{X}'_\tau$  are the last blocks of the naturally partitioned matrices  $N_\alpha^\tau, N_\alpha'^\tau$ . Then

$$N_\alpha^*(V) = \text{sp}\{\tilde{V}\tilde{X}_\tau\} = \text{sp}\{V'QQ^{-1}\tilde{X}'_\tau\} = \text{sp}\{V'\tilde{X}'_\tau\} = N_\alpha^*(V')$$

□

This result demonstrates that  $N_\alpha^*(V)$  is uniquely defined, and it is independent of the particular choice of  $V$  used for its definition; this subspace will be denoted by  $N_\alpha^*(V)$  and from now on shall be referred to as the  $\alpha$ -maximal-(F,G)-generalised nullspace in  $V$ . The above definitions and result clearly apply to the case of  $\Phi$ -(F,G)-e.d.s.; for the case of simple

$\Phi$ -(F,G)-e.d.s. we may combine the characterisations provided by Theorem (7.3) and Proposition (7.8) to derive alternative criteria for such subspaces. In the following, if  $W \subset \mathbb{C}^n$  is a d-dimensional subspace, then by  $\text{Re span } W$  we shall denote the subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  which is spanned by the real and imaginary parts of the vectors in  $W$ ; clearly  $\dim \text{Re span } W = 2d$ .

Corollary (7.5): Let  $(F,G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a subspace and let  $\dim V = d$ .

Then,

- (a)  $V$  is a simple  $\alpha$ -(F,G)-e.d.s.,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$ , if and only if
  - (i)  $N_r(F) \cap V = 0$  and  $N_r(G) \cap V = 0$ .
  - (ii)  $N_\alpha^*(V) = V$ .
- (b)  $V$  is a simple  $(\alpha, \alpha^*)$ -(F,G)-e.d.s.,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C} - \mathbb{R}$ , if and only if
  - (i)  $N_r(F) \cap V = 0$  and  $N_r(G) \cap V = 0$ .
  - (ii)  $\text{Re span } N_\alpha^*(V) = V$ .
- (c)  $V$  is a simple  $o$ -(F,G)-e.d.s., if and only if
  - (i)  $N_r(F) \cap V = 0$  and  $N_r(G) \cap V \neq 0$ .
  - (ii)  $N_o^*(V) = V$ .
- (d)  $V$  is a simple  $\infty$ -(F,G)-e.d.s., if and only if
  - (i)  $N_r(F) \cap V = 0$  and  $N_r(G) \cap V = 0$ .
  - (ii)  $V_\infty^*(V) = V$ .

□

The above result is a straightforward consequence of Theorem (7.3), Proposition (7.8) and the definitions. An alternative characterisation of simple  $\Phi$ -(F,G)-e.d.s. may be obtained by combining Corollary (7.5) and the decomposition result established by eqn.(7.19) of Proposition (7.8).

Corollary (7.6): Let  $(F,G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a subspace and let  $\dim V = d$ .

- (a)  $V$  is a simple  $\alpha$ -(F,G)-e.d.s., or  $(\alpha, \alpha^*)$ -(F,G)-e.d.s.,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\}$ , if and only if
  - (i)  $N_r(F) \cap V = 0$  and  $N_r(G) \cap V = 0$ .

- (ii) If  $L_\alpha(F, G; V) = \{V_{\alpha, k}^{d, i}, i \in \rho_\alpha, k \in \sigma_{\alpha, i}\}$  is an  $\alpha$ -complete prime set of subspaces in  $V$ , then

$$V = \text{Re span } V_{\alpha, k}^{d, i} \bigoplus_{i \in \rho_\alpha, k \in \sigma_{\alpha, i}} \quad (7.20a)$$

- (b)  $V$  is a simple  $\alpha$ -(F, G)-e.d.s., if and only if

(i)  $N_r(F) \cap V = 0$  and  $N_r(G) \cap V \neq 0$ .

- (ii) If  $L_o(F, G; V) = \{V_{o, k}^{d, i}, i \in \rho_o, k \in \sigma_{o, i}\}$  is a  $o$ -complete prime set of subspaces in  $V$ , then

$$V = V_{o, k}^{d, i} \bigoplus_{i \in \rho_o, k \in \sigma_{o, i}} \quad (7.20b)$$

- (c)  $V$  is a simple  $\infty$ -(F, G)-e.d.s., if and only if

(i)  $N_r(F) \cap V \neq 0$  and  $N_r(G) \cap V = 0$ .

- (ii) If  $L_o(F, G; V) = \{V_{\infty, k}^{d, i}, i \in \rho_\infty, k \in \sigma_{\infty, i}\}$  is an  $\infty$ -complete prime set of subspaces in  $V$ , then

$$V = V_{\infty, k}^{d, i} \bigoplus_{i \in \rho_\infty, k \in \sigma_{\infty, i}} \quad (7.20c)$$

□

Remark (7.5): Let  $V_\alpha^d$  be an  $(\alpha, d)$ -prime subspace in  $V$  of  $(F, G)$ . If  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}$ , then  $V_\alpha^d$  is a prime  $\alpha$ -(F, G)-e.d.s. and  $\dim V_\alpha^d = d$ . If  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\}$ , then  $\text{Re span } V_\alpha^d$  is a prime  $(\alpha, \alpha^*)$ -(F, G)-e.d.s. and  $\dim \text{Re span } V_\alpha^d = 2d$ .

Furthermore we have:

- (i) If  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$ , there exist  $(\alpha, d)$ -, and  $(\hat{\alpha}, d)$ -prime chains of vectors  $S_\alpha(\underline{x}_1; V) = \{\underline{x}_i; i \in \mathbb{N}\}$ ,  $S_{\hat{\alpha}}(\hat{\underline{x}}_1; V) = \{\hat{\underline{x}}_i; i \in \mathbb{N}\}$ ,  $\hat{\alpha} = \alpha^{-1}$  and  $\underline{x}_1 - \hat{\underline{x}}_1$ , which define bases for  $V_\alpha^d$  and satisfy conditions (7.15a), (7.15b) respectively.
- (ii) If  $\alpha = \sigma + j\omega \in \mathbb{C} - \mathbb{R}$ , there exist  $(\alpha, d)$ - and  $(\hat{\alpha}, d)$ -prime chains of vectors  $S_\alpha(\underline{x}_1; V) = \{\underline{x}_i = \underline{a}_i + j\underline{b}_i, i \in \mathbb{N}\}$ ,  $S_{\hat{\alpha}}(\hat{\underline{x}}_1; V) = \{\hat{\underline{x}}_i = \hat{\underline{a}}_i + j\hat{\underline{b}}_i, i \in \mathbb{N}\}$ ,  $\hat{\alpha} = \hat{\sigma} + j\hat{\omega} = \alpha^{-1}$  and  $\underline{x}_1 = \hat{\underline{x}}_1$ , such that  $\{(\underline{a}_i, \underline{b}_i), i \in \mathbb{N}\}$ ,  $\{(\hat{\underline{a}}_i, \hat{\underline{b}}_i), i \in \mathbb{N}\}$  define bases for  $\text{Re span } V_\alpha^d$  and satisfy conditions (7.16a), (7.16b) correspondingly.

- (iii) If  $\alpha=0$ , there exists a  $(0,d)$ -prime chain of vectors  $S_0(\underline{x}_1;V)=\{\underline{x}_1; i \in \underline{d}\}$ , which defines a basis for  $V_0^d$  and satisfies conditions (7.17).
- (iv) If  $\alpha=\infty$ , there exists an  $(\infty,d)$ -prime chain of vectors  $S_\infty(\hat{\underline{x}}_1;V)=\{\hat{\underline{x}}_1; i \in \underline{d}\}$ , which defines a basis for  $V_\infty^d$  and satisfies conditions (7.18).  $\square$

By Corollary (7.6) and the above Remark it is clear that the notion of the characteristic basis for a simple  $\alpha$ -, or  $(\alpha, \alpha^*)$ -(F,G)-e.d.s. is well defined; such a basis is defined as the direct sum of the characteristic bases associated with the  $(\alpha,d)$ -prime subspaces of the given  $\alpha$ -, or  $(\alpha, \alpha^*)$ -(F,G)-e.d.s.

Next, the case of  $I_c$ -(F,G)-c.m.i.s. and  $I_r$ -(F,G)-r.m.i.s. is examined. We first note that the definitions and results stated for the sequence  $C_r(F,G)$ , the right index of (F,G),  $\sigma_\mu$ , and the maximal right annihilating space of (F,G), which were stated in Chapter (5) also apply to the case of the restriction pencil (F,G)/V. Thus let  $C_r(F,G;V)$  be the sequence associated with (F,G)/V,  $\sigma_\mu(V)$  the right index of (F,G)/V, V a basis matrix of V and let  $\bar{R}^*(V)$  be the maximal right annihilating space of (FV, GV). If  $\bar{R}_V$  is a basis matrix of  $\bar{R}^*(V)$ , then the subspace  $R_V^* = \text{sp}\{\bar{R}_V\}$  will be called a V-maximal right annihilating space of (F,G) in V. Clearly,  $C_r(F,G;V)$  and  $\sigma_\mu(V)$  are uniquely determined by V; the uniqueness of  $R_V^*$  is defined by the following result.

**Proposition (7.9):** Let  $(F,G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a subspace and let V be a basis matrix of V. If  $R_V^*$  is the V-maximal right annihilating space of (F,G) in V, then  $R_V^*$  is uniquely defined and it is independent from the particular choice of the basis matrix V.

### Proof

Let  $\sigma_\mu$  be the right index of (F,G)/V and let  $N_{\sigma_\mu}$  be a basis matrix of  $N_r\{T_{\sigma_\mu}(FV, GV)\}$ . By Corollary (5.8),  $W(N_{\sigma_\mu}) = \bar{R}^*(V)$  ( $N_{\sigma_\mu}$  is naturally



partitioned) and  $T_{\sigma_\mu}(FV, GV)N_{\sigma_\mu} = 0$ . If  $V = V'Q$ , where  $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$ ,  $|Q| \neq 0$ ,  $d = \dim V$ , then the last condition implies that  $T_{\sigma_\mu}(FV', GV') \text{diag}\{Q, \dots, Q\}N_{\sigma_\mu} = 0$ . Clearly, then  $N'_{\sigma_\mu} = \text{diag}\{Q, \dots, Q\}N_{\sigma_\mu}$  is a basis matrix for  $N_r\{T_{\sigma_\mu}(FV', GV')\}$  and thus  $W(N'_{\sigma_\mu}) = \bar{R}^*(V')$ . From the definition of  $W(N_k)$  subspace (see Chapter (5)), it is readily shown that if  $\bar{R}_V, \bar{R}_{V'}$  are basis matrices for  $\bar{R}^*(V), \bar{R}^*(V')$  respectively, then  $\bar{R}_V = Q\bar{R}_{V'}$  and thus

$$R_V^* = \text{sp}\{V\bar{R}_V\} = \text{sp}\{V'QQ^{-1}\bar{R}_V\} = \text{sp}\{V'\bar{R}_{V'}\} = R_{V'}^*,$$

□

This result demonstrates that  $R_V^*$  is uniquely defined by  $V$  and it is independent from the particular choice of basis matrix  $V$  used for its definition; this subspace will be denoted by  $R^*(V)$  and from now on shall be referred to as the maximal right annihilating space of  $(F, G)$  in  $V$ .

Corollary (5.8) describes the properties of  $R^*(V)$  and establishes a procedure for its computation in terms of the properties of the naturally partitioned basis matrices  $N_{\sigma_\mu}$  of  $N_r\{T_{\sigma_\mu}(FV, GV)\}$ . The characterisation of  $I_c$ -(F,G)-c.m.i.s. is given by the following result.

**Theorem (7.4):** Let  $(F, G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a subspace,  $\dim V = d$ ,  $K_r(F, G; V) = \{(\sigma_i, \rho_i), i \in \mu\}$  be the right set of singularity of  $(F, G)/V$  and let  $R^*(V)$  be the maximal right annihilating space of  $(F, G)$  in  $V$ .  $V$  is an  $I_c$ -(F,G)-c.m.i.s., if and only if one of the following equivalent conditions hold true:

- (i)  $c_r(F, G; V) = \sum_{i=1}^{\mu} \sigma_i \rho_i = d$ .
- (ii)  $R^*(V) = V$ .

(iii) There exists a basis matrix  $V = [\underline{x}_1, \dots, \underline{x}_d]$  of  $V$  such that

$$F\underline{x}_1 = \underline{0}, F\underline{x}_2 = G\underline{x}_1, \dots, F\underline{x}_d = G\underline{x}_{d-1}, G\underline{x}_d = \underline{0} \quad (7.21)$$

(iv) The subspace  $V$  may be written as

$$V = R_{\sigma_1}^1 \oplus \dots \oplus R_{\sigma_1}^{\rho_1} \oplus \dots \oplus R_{\sigma_\mu}^1 \oplus \dots \oplus R_{\sigma_\mu}^{\rho_\mu} \quad (7.22)$$

where  $\dim R_{\sigma_i}^j = \sigma_i \quad \forall j \in \rho_i$  and every  $R_{\sigma_i}^j$  is a prime  $(\sigma_i - 1)$ -(F,G)-c.m.i.s.  $\square$

This result is readily established by Proposition (7.9) and the results given in Chapter (5) for right singular pencils; in particular the subspaces  $R_{\sigma_i}^j$  are defined by Corollary (5.8). The number  $c_r(F,G;V)$  is defined for every subspace  $V$  and every pair  $(F,G)$ , it is an invariant of  $V$  with respect to  $(F,G)$  and shall be called the right-(F,G)-order of  $V$ ;  $c_r(F,G;V)$  is readily computed from the sequence  $C_r(F,G;V)$ , or the set  $K_r(F,G;V)$ . In a similar manner we may introduce the sequence  $C_l(F,G;V)$ , the left set of singularity  $K_l(F,G;V) = \{(\sigma_i', \rho_i'), i \in \mu'\}$  of  $(F,G)/V$  and the number  $c_l(F,G;V) = \sum_{i=1}^{\mu'} (\sigma_i' - 1) \rho_i'$ ; the number  $c_l(F,G;V)$  will be called the left-(F,G)-order of  $V$ . The number  $c_l(F,G;V)$  may be computed from  $K_l(F,G;V)$  in a similar manner to that given in Chapter (5). We close this section by giving a result characterising  $I_r$ -(F,G)-r.m.i.s.

Theorem (7.5): Let  $(F,G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a subspace,  $\dim V = d$ ,  $K_l(F,G;V) = \{(\sigma_i', \rho_i'), i \in \mu'\}$  be the left set of singularity of  $(F,G)/V$  and let  $c_l(F,G;V)$  be the left-(F,G)-order of  $V$ .  $V$  is an  $I_r$ -(F,G)-r.m.i.s. if and only if one of the following equivalent conditions hold true:

- (i)  $c_l(F,G;V) = d$ .
- (ii)  $N_r(F) \cap V = 0$ ,  $N_r(G) \cap V = 0$  and there is no proper subspace  $V'$  of  $V$  for which either  $GV' \subseteq FV'$  and/or  $FV' \subseteq GV'$ .
- (iii) The set  $I_V = \{(\sigma_i' - 1, \rho_i'), i \in \mu'\}$ .

### Proof

Part (i) follows by inspection of the Kronecker form of  $(F,G)/V$  and from the definition of  $c_l(F,G;V)$ . The conditions  $N_r(F) \cap V = 0$  and  $N_r(G) \cap V = 0$  exclude the presence of c.m.i., o-e.d. and  $\infty$ -e.d. from  $I_V$ ; thus, if those two conditions are satisfied, then  $I_V$  contains possibly finite nonzero e.d. and r.m.i. If there is a finite nonzero e.d., then by Theorem (7.2) and

Corollary (7.1), there exists a proper subspace  $V'$  of  $V$  for which  $GV' \subseteq FV'$  and thus contradicts the other assumption. The sufficiency of part (ii) is obvious. Part (iii) is readily established from the definitions.  $\square$

The characterisations provided in this section provide the means for the introduction of some more general notions of invariant subspaces of the domain of  $(F,G)$ , which will be considered next.

### 7.3.3. Classification of the subspaces of the domain of $(F,G)$

The properties of the characteristic bases associated with  $\Phi$ -( $F,G$ )-e.d.s. and the existence of the special bases characterising  $I_c$ -( $F,G$ )-c.m.i.s. (Theorem (7.4) parts (iii) and (iv)) motivate the following definition for subspaces of the domain of  $(F,G)$ .

Definition (7.5): Let  $(F,G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a subspace and let  $\dim V = d$ .

(i)  $V$  will be called a  $(G,F)$ -invariant subspace ( $(G,F)$ -i.s.) if

$$GV \subseteq FV \quad (7.23a)$$

or equivalently, for any basis matrix  $V$  of  $V$ , there exists an  $\bar{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$  such that

$$GV = FV\bar{A} \quad (7.23b)$$

(ii)  $V$  will be called an  $(F,G)$ -invariant subspace ( $(F,G)$ -i.s.) if

$$FV \subseteq GV \quad (7.24a)$$

or equivalently, for any basis matrix  $V$  of  $V$ , there exists an  $\underline{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$  such that

$$FV = GV\underline{A} \quad (7.24b)$$

(iii)  $V$  will be called a complete-(F,G)-invariant subspace (c-(F,G)-i.s.)

if

$$FV = GV \quad (7.25a)$$

or equivalently for any basis matrix  $V$  of  $V$  there exists a pair of matrices  $\bar{A}, \underline{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$  such that

$$GV = FV\bar{A} \text{ and } FV = GVA \quad (7.25b)$$

□

The matrices  $\bar{A}, \underline{A}$  will be referred to as the V-(G,F)-, V-(F,G)-restrictions of the (G,F)-i.s., (F,G)-i.s. respectively and shall be denoted by  $(G,F;V)/V$ ,  $(F,G;V)/V$  correspondingly. The set of eigenvalues of  $\bar{A}, \underline{A}$  will be denoted by  $\sigma(G,F;V)$ ,  $\sigma(F,G;V)$  respectively and shall be referred to as the V-(G,F)-, V-(F,G)-spectrum of the (G,F)-i.s., (F,G)-i.s. correspondingly.

Using the notions of (G,F)-, (F,G)-invariance and complete (F,G)-invariance introduced above we may give the following geometric characterisations of the subspaces defined algebraically in Section (7.3.1).

Theorem (7.6): Let  $(F,G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a subspace and let  $\dim V = d$ .

(a)  $V$  is an  $\infty$ -proper,  $\Phi_{\infty}$ -(F,G)-e.d.s., if and only if

(i)  $N_r(F) \cap V = 0.$

(ii)  $GV \subseteq FV.$

(b)  $V$  is an o-proper,  $\Phi_o$ -(F,G)-e.d.s., if and only if

(i)  $N_r(G) \cap V = 0.$

(ii)  $FV \subseteq GV.$

(c)  $V$  is a proper,  $\Phi_p$ -(F,G)-e.d.s., if and only if

(i)  $N_r(F) \cap V = 0$  and  $N_r(G) \cap V = 0.$

(ii)  $FV = GV.$



Proof

(a) The necessity of the conditions (i) and (ii) follows by inspection of the Kronecker form of  $(F,G)/V$ , Theorem (7.2) and Corollaries (7.1) and (7.2). The sufficiency may be argued as follows: condition (i) excludes the existence of  $\infty$ -e.d. and c.m.i. in  $I_V$ ; thus, the pencil  $(F,G)/V$  is right nonsingular and  $V$  is  $e$ -( $F,G$ )-r.r.s. By condition (ii) we have that  $GV=FV\bar{A}$  and thus if  $\bar{A}=Q\bar{J}Q^{-1}$  is the Jordan decomposition of  $\bar{A}$ , then  $GVQ=FVQJ$  and the vectors of  $V_c=VQ$  define a characteristic basis for  $V$ . Because  $(F,G)/V$  is right nonsingular, Proposition (4.3) applies for every  $\alpha \in \Phi(F,G;V)$  and  $I_V$  contains finite e.d., the degrees of which are defined by the dimensions of the Jordan blocks in  $\bar{J}$ . Clearly, the sum of the degrees of all e.d. is equal to  $d$ , the dimension of  $V$  and by inspection of the Kronecker form it follows that  $V$  has no nonzero r.m.i. The proofs of parts (b) and (c) follow along similar lines. □

It is evident from the above result that  $\Phi_\infty$ -( $F,G$ )-e.d.s.,  $\Phi_0$ -( $F,G$ )-e.d.s. and  $\Phi_p$ -( $F,G$ )-e.d.s. are special cases of  $(G,F)$ -i.s.,  $(F,G)$ -i.s. and complete-( $F,G$ )-i.s. respectively; the important characteristic for such subspaces is the uniqueness of the spectrum which is discussed next.

Corollary (7.7): Let  $(F,G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a subspace and let  $V$  be a basis matrix of  $V$ . Then,

- (a) If  $V$  is a  $\Phi_\infty$ -( $F,G$ )-e.d.s., then for any  $V$ ,  $\sigma(G,F;V)$  is uniquely defined.
- (b) If  $V$  is a  $\Phi_0$ -( $F,G$ )-e.d.s., then for any  $V$ ,  $\sigma(F,G;V)$  is uniquely defined.
- (c) If  $V$  is a  $\Phi_p$ -( $F,G$ )-e.d.s., then for any  $V$  of the spectra  $\sigma(G,F;V)$  and  $\sigma(F,G;V)$  are uniquely defined. Furthermore, if  $\bar{A}=(G,F;V)/V$ ,  $\underline{A}=(F,G;V)/V$ , then  $\underline{A}=\bar{A}^{-1}$  and  $\sigma(G,F;V)$  is the inverse of  $\sigma(F,G;V)$ .

Proof

(a) If  $V$  is  $\phi_\infty, -(F, G)$ -e.d.s. and  $V, V'$  are two basis matrices, then  $GV = FV\bar{A}$ ,  $GV' = FV'\bar{A}'$ . If  $V' = VQ, Q \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}, |Q| \neq 0, d = \dim V$ , then from the last three relationships we have that  $GV = FV\bar{A} = FVQ\bar{A}'Q^{-1}$  and thus  $FV(\bar{A} - Q\bar{A}'Q^{-1}) = 0$ . Since  $N_r(F) \cap V = 0$  it follows that  $N_r(FV) = 0$  and thus the last condition implies  $\bar{A} = Q\bar{A}'Q^{-1}$ ; the similarity of  $\bar{A}, \bar{A}'$  proves the result. Parts (b) and (c) are proved along similar lines. □

Because of the above property the subspaces of the  $\phi_\infty, -(F, G)$ -i.s.,  $\phi_0, -(F, G)$ -i.s.,  $\phi_p, -(F, G)$ -i.s. type will be referred to as fixed spectrum invariant subspaces. Some interesting classes of assignable spectrum and partly fixed spectrum invariant subspaces will be introduced in the following. We first give some alternative characterisations of simple  $o-(F, G)$ -e.d.s., and  $\infty-(F, G)$ -e.d.s.

Corollary (7.8): Let  $(F, G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  and let  $V$  be a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

- (a)  $V$  is a simple  $o-(F, G)$ -e.d.s., if and only if
- (i)  $N_r(F) \cap V = 0$  and  $GV \subseteq FV$ .
  - (ii) There is no proper subspace  $V' \subset V$  for which  $FV' = GV'$ .
- (b)  $V$  is a simple  $\infty-(F, G)$ -e.d.s., if and only if
- (i)  $N_r(G) \cap V = 0$  and  $FV \subseteq GV$ .
  - (ii) There is no proper subspace  $V' \subset V$  for which  $FV' = GV'$ .

Proof

(a) By conditions (i),  $V$  is a  $\phi_\infty, -(F, G)$ -i.s. and thus  $I_V$  is characterised by finite e.d. and possibly zero r.m.i. If there exist nonzero finite e.d. in  $I_V$ , then by the direct sum decomposition of  $V$  implied by the Kronecker canonical form and Theorem (7.6), there exists a proper subspace  $V' \subset V$  for which  $FV' = GV'$  and this contradicts assumption (ii); this proves the sufficiency. The necessity is obvious. Part (b) of the proof follows

along similar lines. □

The notions of  $(F,G)$ -,  $(G,F)$ -invariance are also involved in the characterisation of  $I_c$ -( $F,G$ )-c.m.i.s. as it is shown below.

**Proposition (7.10):** Let  $(F,G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  and let  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a subspace with  $\dim V = d$ .  $V$  is an  $I_c$ -( $F,G$ )-c.m.i.s., if and only if

- (i)  $GV = FV$ .
- (ii) There exists a basis matrix  $V_c$  of  $V$  such that  $(G,F;V)/V_c$  is a lower  $d$ -nillpotent and  $(F,G;V)/V_c$  an upper  $d$ -nillpotent.

Proof

By Theorem (7.4), part (iii), there exists a basis matrix  $V_c = [\underline{x}_1, \underline{x}_2, \dots, \underline{x}_d]$  such that conditions (7.21) are satisfied; clearly, eqns. (7.21) imply

$$GV_c = FV_c \bar{A}_0 \text{ and } FV_c = GV_c \underline{A}_0 \quad (7.26a)$$

where

$$\bar{A}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \underline{A}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d} \quad (7.26b)$$

Conditions (7.26a) imply that  $FV = GV$  and the matrices  $\underline{A}_0, \bar{A}_0$  are clearly  $d$ -nillpotent. The sufficiency is established by a mere reversion of the arguments. □

Next we examine the characterisation of  $(F,G)$ -i.s.,  $(G,F)$ -i.s. and proper- $(F,G)$ -i.s. in terms of the invariants of the restriction pencil. We first give the following result.

**Proposition (7.11):** Let  $(F, G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  and let  $V \in \mathbb{R}^n$  be a subspace.

- (a) If  $V$  is an  $I_r$ -(F,G)-r.m.i.s.  $I_r \neq I_r^0$ , then there exist vectors  $\underline{v}, \underline{v}' \in V$  such that  $G\underline{v} \notin FV$  and  $F\underline{v}' \notin GV$ .
- (b) If  $V$  is a simple  $\infty$ -(F,G)-e.d.s., then  $FV \subset GV$ ; that is there exist vectors  $\underline{v} \in V$  such that  $G\underline{v} \notin FV$ .
- (c) If  $V$  is a simple  $o$ -(F,G)-e.d.s., then  $GV \subset FV$ ; that is there exist vectors  $\underline{v} \in V$  such that  $F\underline{v} \notin GV$ .

**Proof**

- (a) There always exists a basis matrix  $V_k$  of  $V$  and an  $R \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ ,  $|R| \neq 0$  such that  $(RFV_k, RGV_k) = (\tilde{F}V_k, \tilde{G}V_k)$  is the Kronecker form. For the sake of simplicity let us assume that

$$(\tilde{F}V_k, \tilde{G}V_k) = \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \quad (7.27a)$$

Choose a vector  $\underline{v} = V_{k-1} \underline{e}_1 \in V$ , where  $\underline{e}_1$  is the first standard basis vector of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . By inspection of (7.27a), it is clear that the vector  $\tilde{F}V_{k-1} \underline{e}_1 \notin \text{sp}\{\tilde{G}V_k\}$ ; given that the columns of  $\tilde{G}V_k$  are linearly independent, the last condition implies that  $[\tilde{F}V_{k-1} \underline{e}_1, \tilde{G}V_k]$  has full rank and thus also the matrix

$$R^{-1}[\tilde{F}V_{k-1} \underline{e}_1, \tilde{G}V_k] = [FV_{k-1} \underline{e}_1, GV_k] \quad (7.27b)$$

has full rank. Condition (7.27b) implies that  $FV_{k-1} \underline{e}_1 \notin GV$ . Similarly, it can be proved that  $\tilde{G}V_{k-2} \underline{e}_2 \notin \text{sp}\{\tilde{F}V_k\}$  and thus  $GV_{k-2} \underline{e}_2 \notin FV$ . The proof of parts (b) and (c) follows along similar lines. □



Theorem (7.7): Let  $(F,G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a subspace and let  $I_V$  be the set of strict equivalence invariants of  $(F,G)/V$ .

(a) If  $V$  is  $(G,F)$ -i.s., then the possible sets of invariants in  $I_V$  are:

$$I_V = \{\mathcal{D}_0^S; \mathcal{D}_{\alpha_i}^S, \alpha_i \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\}; I_c; I_r^O\}.$$

(b) If  $V$  is  $(F,G)$ -i.s., then the possible sets of invariants in  $I_V$  are:

$$I_V = \{\mathcal{D}_\infty^S; \mathcal{D}_{\alpha_i}^S, \alpha_i \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\}; I_c; I_r^O\}.$$

(c) If  $V$  is a complete- $(F,G)$ -i.s., then the possible sets of invariants

$$\text{in } I_V \text{ are: } I_V = \{\mathcal{D}_{\alpha_i}^S, \alpha_i \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\}; I_c; I_r^O\}.$$

Proof The above two conditions we may proceed with the proof as follows.

Let us assume that  $(F,G)/V$  has in  $I_V$  every possible type of strict equivalence invariant. There always exists an  $R \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ ,  $|R| \neq 0$  and a special basis matrix  $V_k$  of  $V$  such that  $(RFV_k, RGV_k) = (\tilde{F}V_k, \tilde{G}V_k)$  is in Kronecker form. The Kronecker form implies a partitioning for  $V_k$  as  $V_k = [V_\zeta, V_\varepsilon, V_\infty, V_o, V_\alpha]$ , where  $V_\zeta, V_\varepsilon, V_\infty, V_o, V_\alpha$  are the submatrices corresponding to the Kronecker blocks associated with r.m.i., c.m.i.,  $\infty$ -e.d., o-e.d. and finite nonzero e.d. respectively; this partitioning also implies a direct sum decomposition for  $V$  as

$$V = V_\zeta \oplus V_\varepsilon \oplus V_o \oplus V_\infty \oplus V_\alpha \quad (7.28a)$$

where  $V_i = \text{sp}\{V_i\}$  and  $i$  is any index from the set  $\{\zeta, \varepsilon, o, \infty, \alpha\} = A$ . An obvious implication of the Kronecker canonical decomposition of  $(\tilde{F}V_k, \tilde{G}V_k)$  is that if for some  $i \in A$  and some  $\underline{a}, \underline{a}' \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $d = \dim V$ ,  $\tilde{F}V_i \underline{a} \notin \tilde{G}V_i$  and  $\tilde{G}V_i \underline{a}' \notin \tilde{F}V_i$ , then  $\tilde{F}V_i \underline{a}' \notin \tilde{G}V$  and  $\tilde{F}V_i \underline{a} \notin \tilde{F}V$ , correspondingly. If we now denote by  $(\tilde{G}V_k)$  and  $(\tilde{F}V_k)$  sets of linearly independent columns of  $\tilde{G}V_k$  and  $\tilde{F}V_k$  respectively (in this case the nonzero columns of  $\tilde{G}V_k$  and  $\tilde{F}V_k$ ), then we have the relationships

$$\tilde{FV}_{i\underline{a}} \notin \tilde{GV} \Leftrightarrow [\tilde{FV}_{i\underline{a}}, (\tilde{GV}_k)] \text{ full rank} \quad (7.28b)$$

$$\tilde{GV}_{i\underline{a}'} \notin \tilde{FV} \Leftrightarrow [\tilde{GV}_{i\underline{a}'}, (\tilde{FV}_k)] \text{ full rank} \quad (7.28c)$$

By multiplying the right hand side matrices on the left by  $R^{-1}$  we have that

$$[FV_{i\underline{a}}, (GV_k)] , [GV_{i\underline{a}'}, (FV_k)] \text{ full rank} \quad (7.28c)$$

This analysis leads to the following conclusions:

- (i) If for some  $i \in A$  and some  $\underline{v} \in V_i$ ,  $F\underline{v} \notin GV_i$ , then also  $F\underline{v} \notin GV$ .
- (ii) If for some  $i \in A$  and some  $\underline{v}' \in V_i$ ,  $G\underline{v}' \notin FV_i$ , then also  $G\underline{v}' \notin FV$ .

Using the above two conclusions we may proceed with the proof of the result.

Thus,

(a) Assume that  $V$  is  $(G,F)$ -i.s., all types of strict equivalence invariants are present and that  $V$  is decomposed as in (7.28a). If there exist nonzero r.m.i. in  $I_V$ , then by Proposition (7.11) there exists a vector  $\underline{v} \in V_\zeta$  such that  $G\underline{v} \notin FV_\zeta$ ; by the second of the above conclusions it follows that  $G\underline{v} \notin FV_\zeta$  also implies  $G\underline{v} \notin FV$  and this clearly violates the  $(G,F)$ -invariance property of  $V$ . Thus,  $I_V$  has nonzero r.m.i. Similarly, using Proposition (7.11) (part (b)) and the second conclusion, it may be proved that  $I_V$  has no infinite e.d. The proofs of parts (b) and (c) follows along similar lines.  $\square$

From the proof of Theorem (7.7) we have a decomposition result for a general subspace  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  with respect to the pair  $(F,G)$ . For a given subspace  $V$  we shall denote by  $I_c(V), I_r(V), \mathcal{D}_0(V), \mathcal{D}_\infty(V), \mathcal{D}_\alpha(V), \alpha \in \mathbb{T} - \{0\}$  the sets of c.m.i., r.m.i., zero-e.d.,  $\infty$ -e.d., all finite nonzero e.d. of  $(F,G)/V$  respectively. The general decomposition result may be stated as follows [Kar. -1].

Proposition (7.12): Let  $(F,G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a subspace and let  $I_V = \{I_c(V); I_r(V); \mathcal{D}_\infty(V); \mathcal{D}_o(V); \mathcal{D}_\alpha(V)\}$ . The subspace  $V$  may be expressed as

$$V = V_\varepsilon \oplus V_\zeta \oplus V_\infty \oplus V_o \oplus V_\alpha \quad (7.29a)$$

where for every of the subspaces in the decomposition we have the following properties:

$$I_{V_\varepsilon} = \{I_c(V); I_r^o\}, I_{V_\zeta} = \{I_r(V)\} \quad (7.29b)$$

$$I_{V_\infty} = \{\mathcal{D}_\infty(V); I_r^o\}, I_{V_o} = \{\mathcal{D}_o(V); I_r^o\}, I_{V_\alpha} = \{\mathcal{D}_\alpha(V); I_r^o\}$$

□

From Theorem (7.7) and the decomposition result stated above we have the following decomposition of the  $(F,G)$ -i.s.,  $(G,F)$ -i.s., and complete- $(F,G)$ -i.s.

Corollary (7.9): Let  $(F,G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a subspace and let  $I_V = \{I_c(V); I_r(V); \mathcal{D}_\infty(V); \mathcal{D}_o(V); \mathcal{D}_\alpha(V)\}$  be the set of strict equivalence invariants of  $(F,G)/V$ .

(a) If  $GV \subseteq FV$ , then  $I_V = \{I_c(V); \mathcal{D}_o(V); \mathcal{D}_\alpha(V); I_r^o\}$  and  $V$  may be decomposed as

$$V = V_\varepsilon \oplus V_o \oplus V_\alpha \quad (7.30)$$

where  $V_\varepsilon, V_o, V_\alpha$  are subspaces characterised by the (7.29b) properties.

(b) If  $FV \subseteq GV$ , then  $I_V = \{I_c(V); \mathcal{D}_\infty(V); \mathcal{D}_\alpha(V); I_r^o\}$  and  $V$  may be decomposed as

$$V = V_\varepsilon \oplus V_\infty \oplus V_\alpha \quad (7.31)$$

where  $V_\varepsilon, V_\infty, V_\alpha$  are subspaces characterised by the (7.29b) properties.

(c) If  $GV = FV$ , then  $I_V = \{I_c(V); \mathcal{D}_\alpha(V); I_r^o\}$  and  $V$  may be decomposed as

$$V = V_\varepsilon \oplus V_\alpha \quad (7.32)$$

where  $V_\varepsilon, V_\alpha$  are subspaces characterised by the (7.29b) properties. □

The decomposition result given above provides the means for the characterisation of the invariant subspaces in terms of the associated spectra. Note that in the following the spectrum will be considered as the set of roots of the polynomials  $\det\{\lambda I - (G, F; V)/V\}$ , if  $V$  is  $(G, F)$ -invariant and  $\det\{\lambda I - (F, G; V)/V\}$  if  $V$  is  $(F, G)$ -invariant.

Proposition (7.13): Let  $(F, G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a subspace and let  $\dim V = d$ .  $V$  is an  $I_c$ -( $F, G$ )-c.m.i.s. if and only if the following conditions hold true:

- (i)  $GV = FV$ .
- (ii) If  $\Lambda$  is a symmetric set of  $d$ -complex numbers, then there exists a basis matrix  $V_\Lambda$  of  $V$  such that  $\sigma(G, F; V_\Lambda) = \Lambda$ .

Proof

If  $V$  is  $I_c$ -( $F, G$ )-c.m.i.s., then by Proposition (7.10)  $GV = FV$ . Furthermore, there exists a polynomial vector  $\underline{x}(s) = [\underline{x}_d, \underline{x}_{d-1}, \dots, \underline{x}_2, \underline{x}_1] \underline{e}_d(s) = X_d \underline{e}_d(s)$ , where  $X_d$  is a basis matrix of  $V$  such that

$$\{sF - G\} X_d \underline{e}_d(s) = \underline{0} \quad \text{for } \forall s \in \mathbb{C} \quad (7.33a)$$

Assume first that  $\Lambda = \{\lambda_i, i \in \underline{d}\}$  is distinct symmetric set. Then

$E_d(\Lambda) = [\underline{e}_d(\lambda_1), \dots, \underline{e}_d(\lambda_d)]$  has full rank (Vandermonde matrix) and thus

$X_d E_d(\Lambda)$  has also full rank; furthermore, we have that

$$(\lambda_i F - G) X_d \underline{e}_d(\lambda_i) = \underline{0}, \quad \forall \lambda_i \in \Lambda \quad (7.33b)$$

and this proves the necessity in the case of distinct spectrum.

Note that in the case where  $\Lambda$  is not distinct, we may define a modified matrix  $E'_d(\Lambda)$ , where now for repeated frequencies, we may define vectors

$$\underline{e}_d^k(\lambda_i) = \frac{d^k}{ds^k} \underline{e}_d(s) \Big|_{s=\lambda_i}, \quad k=0, 1, \dots, v, \quad \text{where } v \text{ is the multiplicity of } \lambda_i.$$

Once more the corresponding matrix  $E'_d(\Lambda)$  has full rank and the result

readily follows.



The sufficiency may be argued as follows. By condition  $FV=GV$  and Corollary (7.9),  $V=V_\epsilon \oplus V_\alpha$ ; thus if we choose a basis matrix for  $V$  as  $V=[V_\epsilon, V_\alpha]$  where  $V_\epsilon, V_\alpha$  are basis matrices for  $V_\epsilon, V_\alpha$  respectively, then

$$GV_\epsilon = FV_\epsilon \bar{A} \quad (7.34a)$$

and because both  $V_\epsilon$  and  $V_\alpha$  are  $(G, F)$ -invariant we have that

$$\bar{A} = \text{diag}\{\bar{A}_\epsilon, \bar{A}_\alpha\} \quad (7.34b)$$

and thus  $\sigma(G, F; V) = \{\sigma(\bar{A}_\epsilon), \sigma(\bar{A}_\alpha)\}$ . By Corollary (7.7),  $\sigma(\bar{A}_\alpha)$  is fixed and thus if  $V_\alpha \neq 0$  the  $d-\lambda$  spectrum cannot be assigned. Clearly, this contradicts assumption (ii) and the result is established.  $\square$

Corollary (7.10): Let  $(F, G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a subspace,  $\dim V = d$ ,  $R^*(V)$  be the maximal right annihilating space of  $(F, G)$  in  $V$  and let  $c_r(F, G; V) = \mu$  be the corresponding order.

(a)  $V$  is a  $(G, F)$ -i.s., if and only if there exists a direct sum decomposition

$$V = R^*(V) \oplus V_f \quad (7.34)$$

where  $V_f$  is  $(G, F)$ -i.s. and  $\sigma(G, F; V_f) = \Lambda_f$  is a  $(d-\mu)$ -fixed spectrum for any basis matrix  $V_f$  of  $V_f$ .

(b)  $V$  is an  $(F, G)$ -i.s., if and only if there exists a direct sum decomposition

$$V = R^*(V) \oplus V'_f$$

where  $V'_f$  is an  $(F, G)$ -i.s., and  $\sigma(F, G; V'_f) = \Lambda'_f$  is a  $(d-\mu)$ -fixed spectrum for any basis matrix  $V'_f$  of  $V'_f$ .  $\square$

The proof is rather obvious and it is omitted. The determination of maximal dimension  $(G, F)$ -,  $(F, G)$ -invariant subspaces in a given subspace

$V$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is considered next. The case where  $V = \mathbb{R}^n$  is examined first and the results will be specialised next to the case of a general  $V$ . We first define:

**Definition (7.6):** Let  $(F, G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ . We may define the following two sequences of subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ :

$$P(G, F) \triangleq \{T^0 = \mathbb{R}^n, T^{k+1} = G^{-1}(FT^k), k \geq 0\} \quad (7.35)$$

$$P(F, G) \triangleq \{J^0 = \mathbb{R}^n, J^{k+1} = F^{-1}(GJ^k), k \geq 0\} \quad (7.36)$$

Note that in the (7.35), (7.36) sequences,  $G$  and  $F$  are considered as maps and thus if  $W \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$  is a subspace, then

$$G^{-1}W \triangleq \{\underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n: G\underline{x} \in W\} \quad (7.37)$$

□

The sequences  $P(G, F), P(F, G)$  will be called  $(G, F)$ -,  $(F, G)$ -invariance generating sequences respectively and the terms used will be clarified by the study of their properties. Note that  $P(G, F)$  is a specialised form of a sequence of subspaces introduced recently by Bernhard [Ber. -1] and Aplevich [Apl. -1], whereas  $P(F, G)$  is the "dual" (swapping of the  $F, G$  maps) of the  $P(G, F)$ ; thus, the properties of  $P(F, G), P(G, F)$  readily follow from the results in [Apl. -1] (Theorems (11) and (12)). We may summarise those results in our present framework as follows:

**Theorem (7.8):** Let  $(F, G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  and  $P(G, F)$  and  $P(F, G)$  be the sequences of subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  defined by (7.35) and (7.36).

- (a) The sequence  $P(G, F)$  is non-increasing and converges to an element  $T^*$  in at most  $n$  steps.  $T^*$  is the maximal  $(G, F)$ -invariant subspace in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- (b) The sequence  $P(F, G)$  is non-increasing and converges to an element  $J^*$  in at most  $n$  steps.  $J^*$  is the maximal  $(F, G)$ -invariant subspace in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

□

This result establishes the existence, the uniqueness and an iterative procedure for the computation of the subspaces  $T^*$  and  $J^*$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .  $T^*, J^*$  will be referred to as the maximal  $(G, F)$ -,  $(F, G)$ -invariant subspaces of the pair  $(F, G)$  respectively. The link of  $T^*, J^*$  with the subspaces of a Kronecker decomposition of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  defined by Proposition (7.12) is examined next. We first note that if  $I(F, G) = \{I_r(F, G); I_c(F, G); D_o(F, G); D_\alpha(F, G), \alpha \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\}; D_\infty(F, G)\}$  are the strict equivalence invariants of the pencil  $sF - G$ , then a decomposition of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  defined by Proposition (7.12) by setting  $V = \mathbb{R}^n$

$$\mathbb{R}^n = V_\zeta \oplus V_\varepsilon \oplus V_o \oplus V_\alpha \oplus V_\infty \quad (7.38a)$$

where for the subspaces involved we have the properties

$$I_{V_\zeta} = \{I_r(F, G); I_r^o\}, I_{V_\varepsilon} = \{I_c(F, G); I_r^o\} \quad (7.38b)$$

$$I_{V_\infty} = \{D_\infty(F, G); I_r^o\}, I_{V_o} = \{D_o(F, G); I_r^o\}, I_{V_\alpha} = \{D_\alpha(F, G); I_r^o\}$$

will be referred to as a Kronecker decomposition of  $V$  with respect to  $(F, G)$  ( $(F, G)$ -k.d.). If a general subspace  $V$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is considered, then the above decomposition, defined by the Kronecker form of  $(F, G)/V$  will be also referred to as  $(F, G)$ -k.d. of  $V$ .

Corollary (7.11): Let  $(F, G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $I(F, G)$  the set of invariants of  $sF - G$  and let

$$\mathbb{R}^n = V_\zeta \oplus V_\varepsilon \oplus V_o \oplus V_\alpha \oplus V_\infty \quad (7.39a)$$

be a Kronecker decomposition of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . If  $T^*$  is the maximal  $(G, F)$ -invariant subspace,  $J^*$  the maximal  $(F, G)$ -invariant subspace and  $R^*$  the maximal right annihilating space, then we have the following:

$$(i) \quad R^* = V_\varepsilon \quad (7.39b)$$

$$(ii) \quad T^* = V_\varepsilon \oplus V_o \oplus V_\alpha \quad (7.39c)$$

$$(iii) \quad J^* = V_\varepsilon \oplus V_\infty \oplus V_\alpha \quad (7.39d)$$

(iv) The subspace defined by  $W^* = T^* \cap J^*$  is the maximal complete (F,G)-invariant subspace in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and may be expressed as

$$W^* = T^* \cap J^* = V_\varepsilon \oplus V_\alpha \quad (7.39e)$$

### Proof

Part (i) has already been established in Chapter (5). Let  $T' = V_\varepsilon \oplus V_0 \oplus V_\alpha$  and assume that  $T' \subset T^*$ . We may choose a basis matrix  $T$  for  $T^*$  of the type  $T = [T', \hat{T}]$  where  $T'$  is a basis matrix for  $T'$ . By the (G,F)-invariance property of  $T'$  and  $T^*$  we have that

$$G[T', \hat{T}] = F[T', \hat{T}] \begin{bmatrix} \bar{A}_1 & \bar{A}_{12} \\ \hline 0 & \bar{A}_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (7.40)$$

Since this is nonzero, the eigenvalues of  $\bar{A}_2$  are either fixed or assignable (appropriate choice of  $\hat{T}$ ); it is readily shown however that both cases contradict the assumption about the invariants of sF-G, implicit in the (7.39a) decomposition. Thus,  $T' = T^*$ . The proof of the other parts is similar. □

The subspace  $W^*$  defined above will be referred to as the maximal complete (F,G)-invariant subspace of the pair (F,G). Given that  $R^* = V_\varepsilon$  and  $W^*$  are uniquely defined the subspace  $V_\alpha$  may be computed in the following way:

Computation of  $V_\alpha$ : Construct a basis matrix  $W$  for  $W^*$  as:  $W = [R, P]$  where  $R$  is a basis matrix of  $R^* = V_\varepsilon$ . Then,

$$G[R, P] = F[R, P] \begin{bmatrix} \bar{A}_1 & \bar{A}_{12} \\ \hline 0 & \bar{A}_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (7.41a)$$



Then  $\sigma(\bar{A}_2) = \sigma(G, F; V_\alpha)$  and a basis matrix for  $V_\alpha$  may be constructed as follows: Let  $Q$  be real similarity transformation such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} \bar{A}_1 & \bar{A}_{12} \\ 0 & \bar{A}_2 \end{bmatrix} = Q \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{A}_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \tilde{A}_2 \end{bmatrix} Q^{-1}, \quad Q = \begin{bmatrix} Q_{11} & Q_{12} \\ 0 & Q_{22} \end{bmatrix} \quad (7.41b)$$

By (7.41a) and (7.41b) it follows that, if  $W' = WQ = [RQ_{11}, RQ_{12} + PQ_{21}] = [R', V]$ , then

$$G[R', V] = F[R', V] \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{A}_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \tilde{A}_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (7.41c)$$

and  $V = RQ_{12} + PQ_{21}$  is a basis matrix for a  $V_\alpha$  subspace.  $\square$

The computation of the subspaces  $V_o, V_\infty$  independently from the Kronecker form reduction is examined next. We first note that there are certain similarities between the subspaces  $(V_o, V_\epsilon)$  and  $(V_\infty, V_\epsilon)$ ; in fact by comparing conditions (7.17) and (7.21) first and then (7.18) and (7.21) it is clear that there exist common elements between the properties of the basis vectors of  $(V_o, V_\epsilon)$  pair and of the  $(V_\infty, V_\epsilon)$  pair. This observation leads to the following definition of sequences of subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

**Definition (7.7):** Let  $(F, G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ . We may define the following two sequences of subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ :

$$Q(F, G) \triangleq \{K^0 = 0, K^{k+1} = F^{-1}(GK^k), k \geq 0\} \quad (7.42)$$

$$Q(G, F) \triangleq \{L^0 = 0, L^{k+1} = G^{-1}(FL^k), k \geq 0\} \quad (7.43)$$

where again in (7.42) and (7.43) sequences,  $G$  and  $F$  are considered as maps and thus the symbols involved are interpreted as in (7.37).  $\square$

The sequence  $Q(F, G)$  has also been discussed in [Ber.-1] and [Apl.-1];  $Q(G, F)$  is the dual sequence defined on the pair  $(G, F)$ . The properties of  $Q(F, G)$  have been studied in [Apl.-1]; these properties are summarised below.

Theorem (7.9): Let  $(F,G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  and  $Q(F,G)$  and  $Q(G,F)$  be the sequences of subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  defined by (7.42) and (7.43).

- (a) The sequence  $Q(F,G)$  is nondecreasing and converges to a subspace  $K^*$  in at most  $n$  steps.
- (b) The sequence  $Q(G,F)$  is nondecreasing and converges to a subspace  $L^*$  in at most  $n$  steps. □

Corollary (7.12): Let  $(K^*)^\perp, (L^*)^\perp$  be the orthogonal complements of the subspaces  $K^*, L^*$  respectively of the pair  $(F,G)$

- (a)  $K^*$  has the following properties:
  - (i)  $FK^* \subset GK^*$
  - (ii)  $N_r(F) \cap (K^*)^\perp = 0$ , or in other words:  $F$  has full column rank on  $K^{*\perp}$ , and  $K^*$  is the largest subspace satisfying (7.42).
- (b)  $L^*$  has the following properties:
  - (i)  $GL^* \subset FL^*$
  - (ii)  $N_r(G) \cap (L^*)^\perp = 0$ , or in other words:  $G$  has full column rank on  $L^{*\perp}$ , and  $L^*$  is the largest subspace satisfying (7.43). □

Parts (a) of Theorem (7.9) and Corollary (7.12) have been established in [Apl.-1], whereas parts (b) are the corresponding dual statements on the pair  $(G,F)$ . The relationship of the subspaces  $K^*$  and  $L^*$  to the Kronecker decomposition of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is established by the following result.

Corollary (7.13): Let  $(F,G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $I(F,G)$  the set of invariants of  $sF-G$ ,  $R^*$  the maximal right annihilating space of  $(F,G)$  and let  $K^*, L^*$  be the maximal subspaces of the sequences  $Q(F,G), Q(G,F)$  respectively. If

$$\mathbb{R}^n = V_\zeta \oplus V_\varepsilon \oplus V_0 \oplus V_\alpha \oplus V_\infty \quad (7.44a)$$

is a Kronecker decomposition of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then we have the following properties:

$$(i) \quad K^* = V_\varepsilon \oplus V_\infty \quad (7.44b)$$

$$(ii) \quad L^* = V_\varepsilon \oplus V_0 \quad (7.44c)$$

$$(iii) \quad R^* = V_\varepsilon = K^* \cap L^* \quad (7.44d)$$

□

Part (i) of the Corollary has been recently established by Loiseau [Loi.-1]; by using duality arguments on the pair  $(G, F)$ , part (ii) follows. Part (ii) is an obvious consequence of (i) and (ii). The  $(F, G)$ -invariance of  $K^*$  and the  $(G, F)$ -invariance of  $L^*$  suggest that the procedure suggested for the computation of  $V_\alpha$  may also be applied (after appropriate modification) for the computation of  $V_\infty$  and  $V_0$ . In fact, for the case of  $V_\infty$  construct a basis matrix  $K$  for  $K^*$  as  $K = [R, M]$ , where  $R$  is a basis matrix for  $R^*$  and then use  $(F, G)$ -invariance and repeat the procedure as for  $V_\alpha$ . The procedure for computing  $V_0$  is dual.

The subspace  $K^*$  will be referred to as the maximal almost- $(F, G)$ -right-annihilating space of  $(F, G)$  (m.a.- $(F, G)$ -r.a.s.) and  $L^*$  as the maximal almost- $(G, F)$ -right annihilating space of  $(F, G)$  (m.a.- $(G, F)$ -r.a.s.).

These definitions are motivated by the similarities between the condition  $((7.18), (7.21))$  describing  $(V_\infty, V_\varepsilon)$  and thus  $K^*$ , and the conditions  $((7.17), (7.21))$  describing  $(V_0, V_\varepsilon)$  and thus  $L^*$ . The importance of such subspaces will be further clarified in the following sections. The analysis so far reveals the following properties of the subspaces of the Kronecker decomposition of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ :

Remark (7.6): The maximal subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  which are defined on the pair  $(F, G)$ ,  $R^*, T^*, J^*, W^*, K^*, L^*$  are uniquely defined and they are related as follows:

$$(i) \quad T^* = L^* \oplus V_\alpha \quad \text{and} \quad J^* = K^* \oplus V_\alpha \quad (7.45)$$

$$(ii) \quad R^* = T^* \cap K^* = J^* \cap L^* = K^* \cap L^* \quad (7.46)$$

Furthermore, the e.d. subspaces  $V_0, V_\alpha, V_\infty$  are not uniquely defined. □

By combining Remark (7.6) and the spectrum characterisation of the subspaces  $V_\varepsilon, V_0, V_\infty$  we have:

Proposition (7.14): Let  $(F, G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  and let  $K^*, L^*$  be the maximal subspaces of the sequences  $Q(F, G), Q(G, F)$  respectively.

- (i)  $K^*$  is the maximal  $(F, G)$ -invariant subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  for which for some appropriate basis matrix  $K$ ,  $\sigma(F, G; K) = \{0, \dots, 0\}$ .
- (ii)  $L^*$  is the maximal  $(G, F)$ -invariant subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  for which for some appropriate basis matrix  $K$ ,  $\sigma(G, F; L) = \{0, \dots, 0\}$ . □

The results established for the sequences  $P(F, G), P(G, F), Q(F, G), Q(G, F)$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and the corresponding maximal elements  $J^*, T^*, K^*, L^*$  may be readily extended to the case of sequences of subspaces and corresponding maximal elements contained in a subspace  $V$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . The essential tool for such an extension is clearly the  $V$ -restricted ordered pair of maps  $([f/V], [g/V])$ , or equivalently the pair of matrices  $(FV, GV)$ , where  $V$  is a basis matrix of  $V$ . If  $\dim V = d$ , then the sequences  $P(FV, GV), P(GV, FV), Q(FV, GV), Q(GV, FV)$  are subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^d$ ; clearly then every such subspace  $\bar{M}$  with a basis matrix  $M$  defines a subspace  $M = \text{sp}\{VM\} \subset V$ . In the following the above sequences will be denoted by  $P_V(F, G), P_V(G, F), Q_V(F, G), Q_V(G, F)$  and the corresponding maximal elements by  $J^*(V), T^*(V), K^*(V), L^*(V)$ . All results stated for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , also hold true for the general  $V$ .

We close this section by introducing some general families of invariant subspaces other than those of the  $(G, F)$ -, and/or  $(F, G)$ -invariant type. The following definitions also extend the key notion of spectrum. In the following, if  $\zeta$  is a symmetric set of  $\mathbb{C}$  (which might denote the spectrum of an invariant subspace), then  $\hat{\zeta}$  denotes the inverse set; the inverse set  $\zeta$  is defined in a similar manner to that of the inverse root



range and its values in general are from  $\mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\} - \{0\}$ .

**Definition (7.8):** Let  $(F, G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  and let  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a subspace.

We may define the following:

- (i)  $V$  will be called a  $(W, U)$ -partitioned invariant subspace ( $(W, U)$ -p.i.s.), if there exists a pair of subspaces  $(W, U)$  such that

$$V = W \oplus U \text{ where } GW \subseteq FW \text{ and } FU \subseteq GU \quad (7.47)$$

- (ii) Let us assume that  $V$  is a  $(W, U)$ -p.i.s. If  $GU \not\subseteq FU$ , then  $V$  will be called an extended- $(G, F)$ -invariant subspace ( $e-(G, F)$ -i.s.), and if  $FW \not\subseteq GW$ , then  $V$  will be called an extended- $(F, G)$ -invariant subspace ( $e-(F, G)$ -i.s.). If  $V$  is both  $e-(G, F)$ -i.s. and  $e-(F, G)$ -i.s. (i.e.  $GU \not\subseteq FU$  and  $FW \not\subseteq GW$ ), then it will be called an extended complete- $(F, G)$ -invariant subspace ( $e.c.-(F, G)$ -i.s.).

- (iii) Let  $V$  be a  $(W, U)$ -p.i.s. and let  $W, U, V = [W, U]$  be basis matrices for  $W, U, V$  respectively. Let us also denote by  $\sigma(G, F; W), \sigma(F, G; U)$  and  $\hat{\sigma}(G, F; W), \hat{\sigma}(F, G; U)$  the  $W, U$ -spectra of  $W, U$  correspondingly. Then,

$$\sigma[(G, F); W(W), U(U)] \triangleq \sigma(G, F; W) \cup \hat{\sigma}(F, G; U) \quad (7.48)$$

is defined as the  $(W(W), U(U))-(G, F)$ -spectrum of  $V$  and

$$\sigma[(F, G); W(W), U(U)] \triangleq \hat{\sigma}(G, F; W) \cup \sigma(F, G; U) \quad (7.49)$$

is defined as the  $(W(U), U(U))-(F, G)$ -spectrum of  $V$ . □

Note that in the above definitions, either  $W$  and/or  $U$  may be the zero subspace; in this case we define as the spectrum of 0,  $\sigma(0)$ , and the inverse spectrum,  $\hat{\sigma}(0)$ , to be the empty set  $\emptyset$ . In either of the (7.48), or (7.49) we shall adopt the following meaning for  $U$ :  $\emptyset \cup \zeta \triangleq \zeta$ . The families of  $(G, F)$ -i.s.,  $(F, G)$ -i.s. are clearly contained in the general

family of  $(W, U)$ -p.i.s. and thus the definition of spectrum given above is a natural extension of the definitions given before. Using Theorem (7.7) and Corollary (7.9) we may classify the  $(W, U)$ -p.i.s. family by the following results.

Remark (7.7): If  $V$  is a  $(W, U)$ -p.i.s. with respect to the pair  $(F, G)$ , then the possible sets of strict equivalence invariants of  $(F, G)/V$  are:

$$I_V = \{I_c(V); I_r^0(V); \mathcal{D}_\infty(V); \mathcal{D}_0(V); \mathcal{D}_\alpha(V)\} \quad (7.50a)$$

Furthermore,  $V$  may be decomposed as

$$V = V_c \oplus V_\infty \oplus V_0 \oplus V_\alpha \quad (7.50b)$$

where  $V_c, V_\infty, V_0, V_\alpha$  are the subspaces defined by Proposition (7.12).  $\square$

Corollary (7.14): Let  $(F, G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a subspace and let  $I_V = \{I_c(V); I_r(V); \mathcal{D}_\infty(V); \mathcal{D}_0(V); \mathcal{D}_\alpha(V)\}$  denote the set of possible strict equivalence invariants of  $(F, G)/V$ .

- (a)  $V$  is an  $e-(G, F)$ -i.s., if and only if  $I_V$  always contains a set  $\mathcal{D}_\infty(V)$  and  $V$  has a decomposition

$$V = W \oplus V_\infty \quad (7.51)$$

where  $W$  is  $(G, F)$ -i.s.,  $V_\infty \neq 0$  and  $I_V = \{\mathcal{D}_\infty(V); I_r^0(V)\}$ .

- (b)  $V$  is an  $e-(F, G)$ -i.s., if and only if  $I_V$  always contains a set  $\mathcal{D}_0(V)$  and  $V$  has a decomposition

$$V = V_0 \oplus U \quad (7.52)$$

where  $U$  is  $(F, G)$ -i.s.,  $V_0 \neq 0$  and  $I_V = \{\mathcal{D}_0(V); I_r^0(V)\}$ .

- (v)  $V$  is an e.c.-( $F, G$ )-i.s., if and only if  $I_V$  always contains sets  $\mathcal{D}_0(V), \mathcal{D}_\infty(V)$  and  $V$  has a decomposition

$$V = V_0 \oplus T \oplus V_\infty \quad (7.53)$$

where  $T$  is a  $c$ -( $F,G$ )-i.s.,  $V_0, V_\infty \neq 0$  and  $I_V = \{\mathcal{D}_0(V); I_r^0\}$ ,  
 $I_{V_\infty} = \{\mathcal{D}_\infty(V); I_r^0\}$ . □

Note that in the above result the subspaces  $W, U, T$  are not necessarily different from the zero subspace; thus, we may state the following remark.

Remark (7.8): For the families of ( $G,F$ )-i.s. and/or ( $F,G$ )-i.s. we have the following properties:

- (a) If  $V$  is ( $G,F$ )-i.s., then  $V$  is an  $e$ -( $F,G$ )-i.s., if and only if  $I_V$  contains a set  $\mathcal{D}_0(V)$ .
- (b) If  $V$  is ( $F,G$ )-i.s., then  $V$  is an  $e$ -( $G,F$ )-i.s., if and only if  $I_V$  contains a set  $\mathcal{D}_\infty(V)$ . □

The distinguishing feature of the families of  $e$ -( $G,F$ )-i.s.,  $e$ -( $F,G$ )-i.s., and  $e.c.$ -( $F,G$ )-i.s. is that the spectrum contains infinite frequencies; this is clarified by the following remark.

Remark (7.9): Let  $V$  be a  $(W,U)$ -p.i.s.

- (a) If  $V$  is an  $e$ -( $G,F$ )-i.s., then for any choice of a basis matrix  $V$  of  $V$ , the  $(W(W), U(U))$ -( $G,F$ )-spectrum of  $V$  always contains infinite frequencies.
- (b) If  $V$  is an  $e$ -( $F,G$ )-i.s., then for any choice of a basis matrix  $V$  of  $V$ , the  $(W(W), U(U))$ -( $F,G$ )-spectrum of  $V$  always contains infinite frequencies.
- (c) If  $V$  is an  $e.c.$ -( $F,G$ )-i.s., then for any choice of a basis matrix  $V$  of  $V$ , the  $(W(W), U(U))$ -( $G,F$ )-spectrum and the  $(W(W), U(U))$ -( $F,G$ )-spectrum always contains infinite frequencies.

The number of infinite frequencies in the above spectra is defined by the dimensions of the subspaces  $V_\infty, V_0$  and  $(V_0, V_\infty)$  in the decompositions (7.51), (7.52) and (7.53) respectively. □

The presence of infinite frequencies in the spectra of  $e-(G,F)$ -i.s.,  $e-(F,G)$ -i.s. and  $e.c.-(F,G)$ -i.s. may be further clarified by studying the asymptotic properties of appropriate  $(G,F)$ -,  $(F,G)$ -invariant subspaces. These results are based on the work of Jaffe and Karcanias [Jaf. & Kar.-1] on asymptotic transmission subspaces of linear systems; the key tool for the development of the asymptotic characterisation of  $e-(F,G)$ -i.s. and/or  $e-(G,F)$ -i.s. is the notion of a "canonical regular triple" which may be associated with any triple  $(F,G;V)$ , where  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ ; this new notion will be developed in the following section and allows the reduction of many problems of analysis referred to the triple  $(F,G;V)$  to standard problems of regular state space theory, which may be discussed on special type triples  $(F',G';V')$  [Jaf. & Kar.-1].

#### 7.4 Canonical regular invariant realizations of $(F,G;V)$ triples

The algebraic, geometric and dynamic aspects of regular state space theory have been studied in terms of the matrix pencil theory [Kar.-1], [Jaf. & Kar.-1], [Kar. & MacB.-1] etc.; the particular characteristic of regular state space theory is that the pencil  $sF-G$  is entirely right singular, if the system is controllable [Kar.-2] and it is characterised by finite e.d. and c.m.i., if the system is uncontrollable [Kar. & MacB.-1]. The problem considered in this section is the investigation of the links between the properties of the general triple  $(F,G;V)$ , where  $sF-G \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}[s]$  is a general pencil,  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is a subspace with  $\dim V = d$  and the standard theory of regular state space systems described by the triple of maps  $S(A,B,C)$  describing a linear system. The results discussed in this section provide the basis for the study of dynamic aspects of autonomous generalized differential systems presented in the final section of this chapter. We first define:



Definition (7.9): Let  $(F, G; V)$  be a triple, where  $(F, G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a subspace and  $\dim V = d$ .

- (i) A triple  $(\tilde{F}, \tilde{G}; \tilde{V})$ , where  $(\tilde{F}, \tilde{G}) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times \tilde{n}} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times \tilde{n}}$ ,  $\tilde{V} \subset \mathbb{R}^{\tilde{n}}$  is a subspace with  $\dim \tilde{V} = d$ , will be called a regular invariant realization (r.i.r.) of the triple  $(F, G; V)$ , if  $s\tilde{F} - \tilde{G}$  is characterised by c.m.i. and possibly finite e.d. and the restriction pencils  $(F, G)/V$ ,  $(\tilde{F}, \tilde{G})/\tilde{V}$  are strict equivalent. If  $(\tilde{F}, \tilde{G}; \tilde{V})$  is a r.i.r. and  $s\tilde{F} - \tilde{G}$  is entirely right singular, then it will be called a proper regular invariant realization (p.r.i.r.); finally, if  $(\tilde{F}, \tilde{G}; \tilde{V})$  is a r.i.r. and  $\tilde{n}$  is minimal, then it will be called a minimal regular invariant realization (m.r.i.r.).
- (ii) Let  $S(A, B) = \{\underline{x} = A\underline{x} + B\underline{u}, A \in \mathbb{R}^{\tilde{n} \times \tilde{n}}, B \in \mathbb{R}^{\tilde{n} \times \tilde{\ell}}, \tilde{\ell} < \tilde{n}, \text{rank } B = \tilde{\ell}\}$  be a linear system,  $\chi \equiv \mathbb{R}^{\tilde{n}}$  be the state space of  $S(A, B)$ ,  $\tilde{V} \in \mathbb{R}^{\tilde{n}}$  be a subspace with  $\dim \tilde{V} = d$  and let  $sN - NA \in \mathbb{R}^{(\tilde{n} - \tilde{\ell}) \times \tilde{n}}[s]$  be the restricted input-state pencil of  $S(A, B)$ . The pair of the system  $S(A, B)$  and the subspace  $\tilde{V}$ ,  $(S(A, B), \tilde{V})$ , will be called a regular forced invariant realization (r.f.i.r.) of  $(F, G; V)$  and shall be denoted by  $S_{i.r.}(A, B, \tilde{V})$ , if  $(N, NA; \tilde{V})$  is a r.i.r. of  $(F, G; \tilde{V})$ . If  $(N, NA; \tilde{V})$  is p.r.i.r., or m.r.i.r., then  $S_{i.r.}(A, B, \tilde{V})$  will be called respectively a proper regular forced invariant realization (p.r.f.i.r.), or minimal regular forced invariant realization (m.r.f.i.r.) respectively of  $(F, G; V)$ . □

The existence of regular invariant realizations  $(\tilde{F}, \tilde{G}; \tilde{V})$  and regular forced invariant realizations  $S_{i.r.}(A, B, \tilde{V})$  is examined next; we first state the following result, which is used in our present study.

Lemma (7.2): Let  $S(A, B, C) = \{\underline{x} = A\underline{x} + B\underline{u}, \underline{y} = C\underline{x}, A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times \ell}, C \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}, \ell, m < n, \text{rank } B = \ell, \text{rank } C = m\}$  be a linear system,  $P(s)$  be the Rosenbrock's system matrix pencil,  $Z(s) = sNM - NAM$  be the zero pencil and  $E_K(A, B, C)$  be the

Kronecker orbit of  $S(A,B,C)$ .

- (i) If  $E(Z(s))$  is the set of zero pencils which correspond to systems  $S(A',B',C') \in E_K(A,B,C)$ , then  $E(Z(s))$  is a strict equivalence class.
- (ii) If  $\Psi_P = \{(s-\lambda_i)^{\tau_i}, i \in \rho; s^{\wedge q_i}, i \in \mu, q_i \geq 2; \epsilon_i > 0, i \in \rho; \eta_i > 0, i \in \tau\}$  is the set of strict equivalence invariants of  $P(s)$ , then the corresponding set of strict equivalence invariants of  $E(Z(s))$  is

$$\Psi_Z = \{(s-\lambda_i)^{\tau_i}, i \in \rho; s^{\wedge q'_i}, q'_i = q_i = 2, i \in \mu; \epsilon'_i = \epsilon_i - 1, i \in \rho; \eta'_i = \eta_i - 1, i \in \tau\} \quad (7.54)$$

where in  $\Psi_Z$ , those  $q'_i$  for which  $q'_i = 0$  are omitted.  $\square$

The above result has been established in [Kar. & MacB., -1] and describes the "plus two" property for the i.e.d. and the "plus one" property for the c.m.i. and r.m.i. of the pencils  $P(s)$  and  $Z(s)$  associated with  $S(A,B,C)$ ; a proof of this result is given in [Kar. & Hay., 2]. Before we proceed with the study of r.i.r. of an  $(F,G;V)$  triple we note that if  $V = \mathbb{R}^n$ , the domain of  $(F,G)$ , then the r.i.r. of  $(F,G;\mathbb{R}^n)$  will be simply referred to as r.i.r. of the pair  $(F,G)$ . Using Lemma (7.2) we may state the following result.

**Theorem (7.10):** Let  $(F,G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $sF-G$  the associated pencil,  $I(F,G) = \{(s-\lambda_i)^{\tau_i}, i \in \rho; s^{\wedge q_i}, i \in \mu; \epsilon_i, i \in \rho; \eta_i, i \in \tau\}$  the set of strict equivalence invariants of  $sF-G$  and let  $\bar{n}_f = \sum_{i=1}^{\rho} \tau_i$ ,  $\bar{n}_\infty = \sum_{i=1}^{\mu} q_i$ ,  $\bar{n}_\epsilon = \sum_{i=1}^{\rho} \epsilon_i$  and  $\bar{n}_\eta = \sum_{i=1}^{\tau} \eta_i$ .

- (i) There exists a Kronecker orbit  $E_K(A,B,C)$  of  $S(A,B,C)$  systems with an associated strict equivalence class of zero pencils  $E(Z(s))$  for which  $sF-G \in E(Z(s))$ .
- (ii) If  $S(A,B,C) \in E_K(A,B,C)$  and  $P(s)$  is the system matrix pencil of  $S(A,B,C)$ , then the set of strict equivalence invariants of  $P(s)$

is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_P = \{ & (s-\lambda_i)^{\tau_i}, i \in \mathcal{P}; s^{\bar{q}_i}, i \in \mathcal{U}, \bar{q}_i = q_i + 2; \bar{\varepsilon}_i = \varepsilon_i + 1, i \in \mathcal{P}; \\ & \bar{\eta}_i = \eta_i + 1, i \in \mathcal{T} \} \end{aligned} \quad (7.55)$$

- (iii) If  $n_f = \bar{n}_f$ ,  $n_\infty = \bar{n}_\infty + \mu$ ,  $n_\varepsilon = \bar{n}_\varepsilon + p$ ,  $n_\eta = \bar{n}_\eta + t$  and  $S(A, B, C) \in E_K(A, B, C)$  then  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{\bar{n} \times \bar{n}}$ ,  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{\tilde{n} \times \tilde{\ell}}$ ,  $C \in \mathbb{R}^{\tilde{m} \times \tilde{n}}$ , where  $\tilde{n} = n_f + n_\infty + n_\varepsilon + n_\eta$ ,  $\tilde{\ell} = p + \mu$ ,  $\tilde{m} = t + \mu$ ,  $\tilde{n} - \tilde{\ell} = m$  and  $\tilde{n} - \tilde{m} = n$ . Furthermore,  $\tilde{n}$  is the minimal dimension of  $S(A, B, C)$  systems for which parts (i) and (ii) hold true.  $\square$

The proof of the above result follows immediately from Lemma (5.2) by a mere reversion of the steps of the proof given in Appendix (I). The existence and construction of r.i.r. of a pair  $(F, G)$  and of triples  $(F, G; V)$  may now be examined using the results provided by Theorem (7.10). The orbit  $E_K(A, B, C)$  established by the previous result will be called the natural Kronecker orbit (n.k.o.) of the pair  $(F, G)$ . The orbit  $E_K(A, B, C)$  of  $(F, G)$  is characterised by a canonical element, the Kronecker canonical form, [Th.-1], [Mor.-1], [Kar. & MacB.-1], and it is defined next.

**Corollary (7.15):** The natural Kronecker orbit  $E_K(A, B, C)$  of the pair  $(F, G)$  is characterised by a canonical triple,  $(A_K, B_K, C_K)$ , the Kronecker canonical form, which is defined by

$$A_K = \text{diag}\{A_\varepsilon, A_\eta, A_\infty, A_f\}, \quad C_K = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & C_\eta & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & C_\infty & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B_K = \begin{bmatrix} B_\varepsilon & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & B_\infty \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (7.56a)$$

$$\begin{aligned} A_\varepsilon &= \text{diag}\{H(\bar{\varepsilon}_i), i \in \mathcal{P}\} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_\varepsilon \times n_\varepsilon}, \quad A_\eta = \text{diag}\{H(\bar{\eta}_i), i \in \mathcal{T}\} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_\eta \times n_\eta} \\ A_\infty &= \text{diag}\{H(\bar{q}_i), \bar{q}_i = q_i + 1, i \in \mathcal{U}\} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_\infty \times n_\infty}, \quad A_f = \text{diag}\{J(\lambda_i, \tau_i), i \in \mathcal{P}\} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_f \times n_f} \\ B_\varepsilon &= \text{block-diag}\{\underline{w}(\bar{\varepsilon}_i), i \in \mathcal{P}\} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_\varepsilon \times p}, \quad B_\infty = \text{block-diag}\{\underline{w}(\bar{q}_i), i \in \mathcal{U}\} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_\infty \times \mu} \\ C_\eta &= \text{block-diag}\{\underline{v}^t(\bar{\eta}_i), i \in \mathcal{T}\} \in \mathbb{R}^{t \times n_\eta}, \quad C_\infty = \text{block-diag}\{\underline{v}^t(\bar{q}_i), i \in \mathcal{U}\} \in \mathbb{R}^{\mu \times n_\infty} \end{aligned} \quad (7.56b)$$

where  $J(\lambda, \tau)$  is a  $\tau \times \tau$  Jordan block that corresponds to  $s = \lambda$ ,  $H(f) = J(0, f)$  and  $\underline{w}(k) = [0, \dots, 0, 1]^T$ ,  $\underline{v}^T(k') = [1, 0, \dots, 0]$ , where  $\underline{w}(k) \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times 1}$  and  $\underline{v}^T(k') \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times k'}$ . □

Remark (7.10): Let  $(A_K, B_K, C_K)$  be the Kronecker form of the natural Kronecker orbit  $E_K(A, B, C)$  of  $(F, G)$ . The general element  $(A, B, C)$  of  $E_K(A, B, C)$  may be expressed as

$$A = T\{A_K + B_K L + K C_K\}T^{-1}, \quad B = T^{-1}B_K R, \quad C = G C_K T \quad (7.57)$$

where  $T \in \mathbb{R}^{\tilde{n} \times \tilde{n}}$ ,  $R \in \mathbb{R}^{\tilde{\ell} \times \tilde{\ell}}$ ,  $G \in \mathbb{R}^{\tilde{m} \times \tilde{m}}$ ,  $|T|, |R|, |G| \neq 0$ , otherwise arbitrary, and  $L \in \mathbb{R}^{\tilde{\ell} \times \tilde{n}}$ ,  $K \in \mathbb{R}^{\tilde{n} \times \tilde{m}}$  arbitrary. □

The number  $\tilde{n} = n_f + n_\infty + n_\varepsilon + n_\eta$  defined in Theorem (7.10) will be called the Kronecker order of the pair  $(F, G)$ . (7.58)

Corollary (7.16): Let  $(F, G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $sF - G$  the associated pencil and let  $I(F, G)$  have the general form of Theorem (7.10). For any  $S(A, B, C) \in E_K(A, B, C)$  we have that:

- (i) If  $N$  is a left annihilator of  $B$  and  $\tilde{V} = N_r(C)$ , then the triple  $(N, NA; \tilde{V})$  is a m.r.i.r. of  $(F, G)$  and  $S_{i.r.}(A, B, \tilde{V})$  is a m.r.f.i.r. of  $(F, G)$ .
- (ii) There exist elements  $S(A', B', C') \in E_K(A, B, C)$  with  $(A', B')$  controllable pairs such that the corresponding triples  $(N', N'A'; \tilde{V}')$  define proper minimal regular invariant realizations (p.m.r.i.r.) of  $(F, G)$  and  $S_{i.r.}(A', B'; \tilde{V}')$  proper minimal regular forced invariant realizations (p.m.r.f.i.r.) of  $(F, G)$ . □

The second part of the above result follows from the fact that the use of output injection (matrix  $K$  in (7.57)) affects the controllability properties of  $(A + KC, B)$  pair ([Kar. & MacB.-1]). An interesting special case arises when the pencil  $sF - G$  has no r.m.i. and no i.e.d.; then the



orbit  $E_K(A, B, C)$  is characterised by the property that  $C=0$  and thus  $\tilde{V}=\mathbb{R}^{\tilde{n}}$ . A pencil characterised by c.m.i. and possibly f.e.d. will be referred to as a prime pencil and the associate pair will also be called prime. For such pencils we have the following simplified result.

Corollary (7.17): Let  $(F, G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  be a prime pair and let

$$I(F, G) = \{(s - \lambda_i)^{\tau_i}, i \in \rho; \varepsilon_i, i \in \rho\}.$$

- (i) There exists a Kronecker orbit  $E_K(A, B)$  of  $S(A, B)$  systems with an associated strict equivalence class of restricted input-state pencils  $E(S_i(s))$  for which  $sF - G \in E(S_i(s))$ .
- (ii) If  $S(A, B) \in E_K(A, B)$  and  $C(s) = [sI - A, -B]$  is the input-state pencil, then the set of strict equivalence invariants of  $C(s)$  is given by

$$\Psi_C = \{(s - \lambda_i)^{\tau_i}, i \in \rho; \bar{\varepsilon}_i = \varepsilon_i + 1, i \in \rho\} \quad (7.58)$$

- (iii) If  $n_f = \sum_{i=1}^p \tau_i$ ,  $n_\varepsilon = \sum_{i=1}^p \varepsilon_i + p$ ,  $\tilde{n} = n_f + n_\varepsilon$ ,  $\tilde{\ell} = p$ , then for every  $S(A, B) \in E_K(A, B)$ ,  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{\tilde{n} \times \tilde{n}}$ ,  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{\tilde{n} \times \tilde{\ell}}$  and  $\tilde{n}$  is the minimal dimension of  $S(A, B)$  systems for which parts (i) and (ii) hold true.
- (iv) Let  $S(A, B) \in E_K(A, B)$  and  $N$  be a left annihilator of  $B$ . The triple  $(N, NA; \mathbb{R}^{\tilde{n}})$  is a m.r.i.r. of the prime pair  $(F, G)$  and  $S_{i.r.}(A, B; \mathbb{R}^{\tilde{n}})$  is a m.r.f.i.r. of  $(F, G)$ . □

The Kronecker orbit  $E_K(A, B)$ , derived under input, state coordinate transformations and state feedback, is known as the Brunovsky orbit of the pair  $(A, B)$ ;  $E_K(A, B)$  will thus be called the natural Brunovsky orbit (n.B.o.) of the prime pair  $(F, G)$ . The orbit  $E_K(A, B)$  of  $(F, G)$  is characterised by a canonical element, the generalised Brunovsky canonical form [Kar. & MacB.-1] which is defined next.

Remark (7.11): The natural Brunovsky orbit  $E_K(A, B)$  of the prime pair  $(A, B)$  is characterised by a canonical pair  $(A_K, B_K)$ , the generalised

Brunovsky canonical form, which is defined by

$$A_K = \text{diag}\{A_\epsilon, A_f\}, B_K = \begin{bmatrix} B_\epsilon \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (7.59)$$

where  $A_\epsilon, B_\epsilon, A_f$  are defined by  $I(F, G)$  as shown by Corollary (7.15).  $\square$

Note that the n.B.o. is also parametrised as in Remark (7.10) if we set  $K=0, C_K=0, G=0$ . The results given above for the r.i.r. of  $(F, G; \mathbb{R}^n)$ , or  $(F, G)$ , may be readily extended to the more general case of r.i.r. of  $(F, G; V)$ ,  $V \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , as shown by the following result.

Proposition (7.15): Let  $(F, G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  and let  $(N, NA; P)$  be a m.r.i.r. of  $(F, G; \mathbb{R}^n)$ , or  $(F, G)$ . For every subspace  $V \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\dim V = d$ , there exists a subspace  $V' \subset P$ ,  $\dim V' = d$ , such that the triple  $(N, NA; V')$  is a m.r.i.r. of  $(F, G; V)$ .  $\square$

The above results establish the existence of m.r.i.r., as well as m.r.f.i.r., and provide the means for their construction. Clearly, for a given pair  $(F, G)$ , or a triple  $(F, G; V)$ , such realizations are not uniquely defined; in fact an orbit of m.r.i.r. is defined for every given pair  $(F, G)$ , or a triple  $(F, G; V)$ . Nonminimal r.i.r. may be readily defined by an appropriate augmentation of the blocks in the triple  $(A, B, C)$  which corresponds to a m.r.f.i.r. of  $(F, G)$ . For the case of prime pencils the Kronecker order of  $(F, G)$  will be referred to as the Brunovsky order of the prime pair. For the case of entirely right singular pencils we have:

Remark (7.12): Let  $(F, G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  be an entirely right singular pair ( $sF - G$  is entirely right singular). The n.B.o. of  $(F, G)$ ,  $E_K(A, B)$ , is made up from controllable pairs  $(A, B)$ . Furthermore,  $E_K(A, B)$  is characterised by a canonical element, the Brunovsky canonical form which

is defined by  $(A_K, B_K)$ , where  $A_K = A_\varepsilon$ ,  $B_K = B_\varepsilon$  and  $A_\varepsilon, B_\varepsilon$  are defined by  $I(F, G)$  as shown by Corollary (7.15). □

The essence of the m.r.i.r. of a triple  $(F, G; V)$  is that it reduces the study of properties of  $V$  with respect to  $(F, G)$  (expressed by the algebraic, geometric structure of  $(F, G)/V$ ) to an equivalent problem defined on a minimal triple  $(N, NA; \tilde{V})$  for which the pair  $(N, NA)$  is prime, or entirely right singular. The Kronecker order of a m.r.i.r. is defined by the set of strict equivalence invariants  $I(F, G)$  of  $(F, G)$  as shown by Theorem (7.10). Note that if  $(F, G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $\tilde{n} \geq n$  and equality holds if and only if  $(F, G)$  is prime. Finally, note that using the notion of a m.r.i.r. we may provide an asymptotic characterisation for e- $(F, G)$ -i.e., e- $(G, F)$ -i.s. and e.c.- $(F, G)$ -i.s. In fact, if  $V$  is a simple  $\{\infty\}$ - $(F, G)$ -e.d.s., then we may always construct a m.r.i.r.,  $(N, NA; \tilde{V})$ , of  $(F, G; V)$ , where  $(N, NA)$  is entirely right singular. Given that  $sN-NA$  may be considered as the restricted input state pencil of a controllable pair  $(A, B)$ , then  $\tilde{V}$  is an infinite e.d. subspace of the system  $S(A, B)$  and the asymptotic results of Jaffe and Karcanias, 1981, [Jaf. & Kar.-1] apply for the characterisation of  $\tilde{V}$  and thus of  $V$ . We should point out however that the basis tools used in this characterisation, i.e. the sequences of generalised B-spaces  $\{V_s\}$  with B-value  $s$ , are subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^{\tilde{n}}$  and not of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . The notion of r.i.r. and r.f.i.r. of a triple  $(F, G; V)$  plays an important role in the study of the solution space of autonomous generalised differential systems  $S(F, G)$  as will be shown next.

## 7.5 The solutions of the differential system $S(F, G)$ and the dynamics of the fundamental invariant subspaces

### 7.5.1 Introduction

The aim of this section is the study of properties of the solution space of the differential systems

$$S(F,G): \dot{\underline{x}}(t) = G\underline{x}(t) \Leftrightarrow (pF-G)\underline{x}(t) = \underline{0} \quad (7.60a)$$

$$\hat{S}(F,G): F\hat{\underline{x}}(t) = G\hat{\underline{x}}(t) \Leftrightarrow (F-pG)\hat{\underline{x}}(t) = \underline{0} \quad (7.60b)$$

associated with the pair  $(F,G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ . Note that  $p \triangleq d/dt$  is the derivative operator and  $\underline{x}(\cdot), \hat{\underline{x}}(\cdot): \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ , are called respectively the generalised state (g.s.), dual generalised state (d.g.s.) of the pair  $(\check{F},G)$ ; the space  $\mathbb{R}^n$  will be referred to as the state domain of the pair  $(F,G)$ . The differential systems  $S(F,G), \hat{S}(F,G)$  are assumed to be excited by arbitrary initial conditions  $\underline{x}(0^-), \hat{\underline{x}}(0^-) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . The assumption of arbitrariness of initial conditions is essential to our analysis, since by making it we may also treat the important case of inconsistent initial conditions [Verg.-1],[Cam.-1]. An implicit assumption in the study of solutions of general differential systems describing dynamical systems is that "the dynamical systems have existed for a period prior to  $t=0$  also". Under this condition the initial values at  $t=0^-$ , which determine the system solution, are themselves constrained to satisfy the system [Ros.-1]. The resulting constraints then guarantee that no impulsive behaviour occurs at  $t=0$ , since in effect any impulses are moved back in time to the instant of formation of the system. By considering unconstrained initial values, we may treat the case of systems formed at  $t=0$ , for which the initial values at  $t=0^-$  satisfy the differential equations of a different dynamical system (see the behaviour of electric networks at "short-circuit" conditions etc. [Verg.-1]).

Differential systems of the type

$$D(p)\underline{\xi}(t) = N(p)\underline{u}(t) \quad t \geq 0 \quad (7.61)$$

where  $D(p) \in \mathbb{R}[p]^{v \times v}$ ,  $N(p) \in \mathbb{R}^{v \times l}$ ,  $D(p)$  nonsingular, have been studied by Vergese [Verg.-1] and Callier & Desoer [Cal. & Des.-1] etc. The emphasis in [Cal. & Des.-1] is on consistent initial conditions, whereas in [Verg.-1] both consistent and inconsistent initial conditions are



examined. Differential systems of the type

$$A\dot{\underline{x}}(t) + B\underline{x}(t) = \underline{f}(t) \quad t \geq 0 \quad (7.62)$$

where  $A, B \in \mathbb{R}^{v \times v}$ ,  $\underline{f}(t)$  input vector, have been studied by Campbell [Cam.-1], Vergese [Verg.-1], Wilkinson [Wil.-2] etc.; in [Cam.-1] and [Verg.-1] the case of both consistent and inconsistent initial conditions is considered. The differential systems  $S(F, G), \hat{S}(F, G)$  arise in the study of linear systems and in a sense are more general than those defined in (7.61) and (7.62), since the pencil  $sF - \hat{S}G$  is allowed to be singular. It will be shown that in general systems of the  $S(F, G)$  type do not define dynamical systems, but they are related to dynamical systems in a specific way. The distinguishing feature of  $S(F, G)$  differential systems, when they are compared to those described by (7.61), (7.62), are the nonuniqueness of the solutions and the redundancy in the description of the state vector; the behaviour to consistent and inconsistent initial conditions is common to those described by (7.61), (7.62).

The type of solution of the differential system  $S(F, G)$  ( $\hat{S}(F, G)$ ) depends on the type of functions over which the differential system is studied. In the following we shall consider the class of  $C^\infty$  (infinitely differentiable functions) and the class  $D'_B$  of Bohl distributions. Note that the class of time functions, whose Laplace transform is a strictly proper rational vector, is precisely the class of  $C^\infty$ -functions on  $t > 0$ , that are sums of exponential polynomials in  $t$  of the type  $\sum_{k=0}^m (a_k t^k) \exp(\lambda t)$ ,  $\forall t > 0^-$ . By definition, a Bohl  $\overline{u}$  may be expressed as  $u = u_{\text{imp}} + u_{\text{reg}}$ , where  $u_{\text{imp}} = \sum_{i=0}^k \alpha_i \delta^{(i)}(t)$  and  $u_{\text{reg}}$  is a  $C^\infty$ -function; thus  $u \in D'_B$ , if and only if its Laplace transform is a rational function. Clearly,  $D'_B$  contains as a subset the  $C^\infty$  class, which in this context are referred to as regular Bohl distributions, or Bohl functions; note that  $u \in D'_B$  is called impulsive if  $u_{\text{reg}} = 0$ . The importance of the extension of the class  $C^\infty$  to the

distributions to the  $D'_B$  distributions is that it allows the handling of the difficult situations associated with nonconsistent initial conditions. Finally note that the class of scalar Bohl distributions  $D'_B$  forms a field with convolution as multiplication.

In the following we shall consider the differential system

$$S(F,G): F\dot{x}(t)=Gx(t), (F,G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \quad (7.63)$$

and the results may be readily translated for the  $\hat{S}(F,G)$ , by using the properties of the e.d. type of duality.

**Definition (7.10):** Let  $(F,G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $t_0 \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\underline{c} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

(i) The vector  $\underline{c}$  is said to be a consistent initial vector (c.i.v.)

of  $S(F,G)$  at  $t_0$ , if (7.63) possesses at least one solution from the space of  $C^\infty$ -functions, or the space of  $D'_B$ -distributions, with  $\underline{x}(t_0)=\underline{c}$ . If the solution is from  $C^\infty, D'_B$  spaces, then  $\underline{c}$  will be referred to more specifically as  $C^\infty$ -consistent initial vector ( $C^\infty$ -c.i.v.),  $D'_B$ -consistent initial vector ( $D'_B$ -c.i.v.)

respectively. The vector  $\underline{c}$  will be called an inconsistent initial vector (i.i.v.) of  $S(F,G)$ , if (7.63) has no solution from the space of  $D'_B$ -distributions, when  $\underline{x}(t_0)=\underline{c}$ . The space of i.i.v. will be denoted by  $C^*$  and shall be referred to as the redundancy space of  $S(F,G)$ . The space of c.i.v. will be denoted by  $C$  and shall be referred to as the initial space of  $S(F,G)$ .

(ii) A vector set  $\underline{c} \in C$  will be called regular, if the initial value problem (7.63) with  $\underline{x}(t_0)=\underline{c}$  has a unique solution; otherwise, i.e. the solution is not uniquely defined, it will be called nonregular. The subsets of  $C$  of regular, nonregular c.i.v. will be denoted by  $C_r, C_{n.r.}$  respectively.

(iii) The differential system  $S(F,G)$  will be called regular if  $C^*=\emptyset$  and

every c.i.v.  $\underline{c}$  is regular, or equivalently, when  $C=C_r=\mathbb{R}^n$ ; otherwise, i.e.  $C^*\neq\emptyset$ , or  $C^*=\emptyset$  and  $C_{n,r}\neq\emptyset$ , the differential system  $S(F,G)$  will be called singular. □

The above definition extends the notion of consistent initial condition defined by Campbell [Cam.-2], since the notion of consistency is extended to the case where a solution exists in the space of  $D'_B$  distributions. In the literature, [Verg.-1],[Cam.-1,2], the term "inconsistent initial condition" is used for  $S(F,G)$  systems, described by regular pencils, for which the initial value problem has no solution from the  $C^\infty$  space (although a solution from the  $D'_B$  space exists). Here, the term "inconsistent initial vector" is reserved for the general case, where the initial value problem has no solution even from larger space of  $D'_B$  distributions. The terms "regular", "singular", used for the differential system  $S(F,G)$  will be shown to be in exact correspondence to the characterisation of  $S(F,G)$  based on the nature (regular, singular) of the associated matrix pencil.

We define as a normal state trajectory (n.s.t.) of  $S(F,G)$  any  $C^\infty$ -solution  $\underline{x}(\cdot): (0^-, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  of  $(pF-G)\underline{x}(t)=0$ ,  $t \geq 0$ ; hence by definition  $\underline{x}(0^-)=\underline{x}(0^+)$ . Similarly, we define as a distributional state trajectory (d.s.t.) of  $S(F,G)$  any  $D'_B$ -solution  $\underline{x}(\cdot): (0^-, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  of  $(pF-G)\underline{x}(t)=0$ ,  $t \geq 0$ . In general, for the latter case,  $\underline{x}(0^-) \neq \underline{x}(0^+)$ . By an impulsive state trajectory (i.s.t.) we mean a d.s.t.,  $\underline{x}(t) \in D_B'^n$ , which is expressed as  $\underline{x}(t) = \sum_{i=0}^k \underline{x}_i \delta^i(t)$ ,  $\underline{x}_i \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . The set of solutions of  $S(F,G)$  which correspond to all  $\underline{c} \in S_r$  will be denoted by  $X_r$  and will be called the regular solution space of  $S(F,G)$ . Let us denote by  $C_r^c, C_r^d$  the subsets of  $C_r$  which yield  $C^\infty, D'_B$  but not  $C^\infty$  solutions respectively, and by  $X_r^c, X_r^d$  the subsets of  $X_r$  which correspond to  $C_r^c, C_r^d$  respectively.  $X_r^c, X_r^d$  will be called the  $C^\infty$ -regular solution space,  $D'_B$ -regular solution space

correspondingly and  $X_r = X_r^c \cup X_r^d$ . The set of solutions of  $S(F,G)$ , which correspond to all  $\underline{c} \in C_{n.r.}$  will be denoted by  $X_{n.r.}$  and will be called the nonregular solution space of  $S(F,G)$ . The set of solutions which correspond to all  $\underline{c} \in C$  will be called the solution space of  $S(F,G)$  and shall be denoted by  $X$ ; clearly,  $X = X_r \cup X_{n.r.}$ . Note that  $X_{n.r.}$  may have elements from the  $D_B^1$  space and/or from the  $C^\infty$  space.

In this section we shall concentrate on the study of the  $X$  solution space and the  $C$  initial space, which generates  $X$ . Of special interest is the characterisation of the corresponding subsets of  $X, C$  defined before. Such a study is intimately related to the nature of the set  $I(F,G)$  of strict equivalence invariants of the pencil  $sF-G$  associated with  $S(F,G)$ . It will be shown that each distinct type of invariant characterises a distinct dynamic property of  $S(F,G)$  and leads to a characterisation of the subsets of  $X, C$ . The results derived, provide the means for the dynamic characterisation of the various types of invariant subspaces of the domain of  $(F,G)$ . In the following, unless it is specifically mentioned, it will be assumed that  $I(F,G) = \{I_c(F,G); I_r(F,G); D_o(F,G); D_\infty(F,G); D_\alpha(F,G)\}$  where the individual types of invariants have the general expression given in (7.1); a differential system with such a structure of invariants will be referred to as a general differential system.

#### 7.5.2 The differential system $S(F,G)$ and strict equivalence transformations

We start off by examining the effects of strict equivalence transformations on the spaces  $X, C$  and  $C^*$ . We examine first the nature of  $X$  and then the effect of left, right, left-right strict equivalence transformations on the spaces  $X, C^*$  of the differential system  $S(F,G)$ .



Proposition (7.16): The solution space  $X$  of a general  $S(F,G)$  differential system is an  $\mathbb{R}$ -vector space.  $\square$

The proof of this result is rather obvious. In fact, if  $\underline{x}_1(t), \underline{x}_2(t)$  are solutions of (7.63), then by observing that the real matrices and the differential operator are linear it follows that  $\alpha_1 \underline{x}_1(t) + \alpha_2 \underline{x}_2(t) \in X$ ,  $\forall \alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ . Note, that the above arguments hold true for any  $\underline{x}_1(t), \underline{x}_2(t)$  stimulated by any initial conditions in  $C$ .

Proposition (7.17): Let  $(F,G), (F',G') \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $R \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ ,  $|R| \neq 0$ , and let  $F' = RF$ ,  $G' = RG$ . Consider the differential systems

$$(pF-G)\underline{x}(t) = \underline{0}, \quad t \geq 0, \quad (pF'-G')\underline{x}'(t) = \underline{0}, \quad t \geq 0 \quad (7.64)$$

with solution spaces  $X, X'$  and redundancy spaces  $C^*, C'^*$  respectively.

Then,  $X = X'$  and  $C^* = C'^*$ .  $\square$

Once more the proof is rather straightforward and it is omitted. For the case of right strict equivalence we have.

Proposition (7.18): Let  $(F,G), (\tilde{F}, \tilde{G}) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $|Q| \neq 0$  and let  $\tilde{F} = FQ$ ,  $\tilde{G} = GQ$ . Consider the differential systems

$$(pF-G)\underline{x}(t) = \underline{0}, \quad t \geq 0, \quad (p\tilde{F}-\tilde{G})\tilde{\underline{x}}(t) = \underline{0}, \quad t \geq 0 \quad (7.65)$$

with solution spaces  $X, \tilde{X}$  and redundancy spaces  $C^*, \tilde{C}^*$  respectively. The maps  $f: \tilde{X} \rightarrow X: \tilde{\underline{x}}(t) \in \tilde{X} \rightarrow f(\tilde{\underline{x}}(t)) \triangleq Q\tilde{\underline{x}}(t) = \underline{x}(t) \in X$  and  $f^*: \tilde{C}^* \rightarrow C^*: \tilde{\underline{c}} \in \tilde{C}^* \rightarrow f^*(\tilde{\underline{c}}) = Q\tilde{\underline{c}} = \underline{c} \in C^*$  are linear bijections (isomorphisms) from  $\tilde{X}$  onto  $X$  and  $\tilde{C}^*$  onto  $C^*$  correspondingly.  $\square$

The proof is obvious and it is omitted. By combining the last two propositions we have.

Theorem (7.11): Let  $(F, G), (F'', G'') \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $R \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ ,  $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $|R|, |Q| \neq 0$  and let  $F'' = RFQ$ ,  $G'' = RGQ$ . Consider the differential systems

$$(pF - G)\underline{x}(t) = \underline{0}, \quad t \geq 0 \quad (pF'' - G'')\underline{x}''(t) = \underline{0}, \quad t \geq 0 \quad (7.66)$$

with solution spaces  $X$ ,  $X''$  and redundancy spaces  $C^*$ ,  $C^{*''}$  respectively. The maps  $f: X'' \rightarrow X: \underline{x}''(t) \in X'' \rightarrow f(\underline{x}''(t)) \triangleq Q\underline{x}''(t) = \underline{x}(t) \in X$  and  $f^*: C^{*''} \rightarrow C^*: \underline{c}'' \in C^{*''} \rightarrow f(\underline{c}'') \triangleq Q\underline{c}'' = \underline{c} \in C^*$  are linear bijections (isomorphisms) from  $X''$  onto  $X$  and  $C^{*''}$  onto  $C^*$  correspondingly.

□

Theorem (7.11) implies that if  $\underline{x}''(t)$  is a solution of  $S(F'', G'')$ , then  $Q\underline{x}''(t) = \underline{x}(t)$  is a solution of  $S(F, G)$  and vice versa. Thus, strict equivalence transformations may be used for simplifying the description of  $S(F, G)$  and then studying the properties of the solution space on a simpler description. In the following the Kronecker canonical form,  $(F_k, G_k)$ , of the pair  $(F, G)$  will be used and the results will be finally translated back to the original description. Thus, let  $(R, Q)$ ,  $R \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ ,  $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $|R|, |Q| \neq 0$  such that

$$(F, G) \xrightarrow[(R^{-1}, Q^{-1})]{(R, Q)} (RFQ, RGQ) = (F_k, G_k) \quad (7.67a)$$

where  $(F_k, G_k)$  have the following canonical description

$$F_k = \text{block-diag.}\{F_\zeta; F_\epsilon; F_f; F_\infty\}, \quad G_k = \text{block-diag.}\{G_\zeta; G_\epsilon; G_f; G_\infty\} \quad (7.67b)$$

The pairs  $(F_\zeta, G_\zeta)$ ,  $(F_\epsilon, G_\epsilon)$ ,  $(F_f, G_f)$ ,  $(F_\infty, G_\infty)$  are associated with the canonical blocks of the Kronecker form characterising the sets of r.m.i., c.m.i., f.e.d., i.e.d. respectively. Clearly, the pair  $(R, Q)$  is not uniquely defined. The reduction to Kronecker canonical form of  $(F, G)$  implies the following reduction on  $S(F, G)$

$$S(F, G): F\dot{\underline{x}} = G\underline{x} \xrightarrow[(R^{-1}, Q^{-1})]{(R, Q)} S(F_k, G_k): F_k\dot{\underline{x}}' = G_k\underline{x}', \quad \underline{x} = Q\underline{x}' \quad (7.67c)$$

The g.s.  $\underline{x}'(t)$  of  $S(F_k, G_k)$  will be called the Kronecker generalised state. The spaces  $X_k, C_k^*, C_k$  associated with  $S(F_k, G_k)$  will be referred to as the Kronecker solution space, Kronecker redundancy space, Kronecker initial space respectively of the differential system  $S(F, G)$  and they characterise the strict equivalence orbit of  $S(F, G)$  systems and not the individual  $S(F, G)$ .

The precise relationship of  $X_k, C_k^*, C_k$  to the spaces  $X, C^*, C$  of  $S(F, G)$  is defined by the isomorphism introduced by the matrix  $Q$ . If we now partition  $\underline{x}'(t)$  according to the partitioning of  $(F_k, G_k)$  i.e.

$\underline{x}'(t) = [\underline{x}_\zeta(t)^t; \underline{x}_\epsilon(t)^t; \underline{x}_f(t)^t; \underline{x}_\infty(t)^t]^t$ , then  $S(F_k, G_k)$  is equivalent to the following set of subsystems

$$S(F_k, G_k) : F \dot{\underline{x}}'(t) = G \underline{x}'(t) \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} S(F_\zeta, G_\zeta) : F_{\zeta\zeta} \dot{\underline{x}}_\zeta(t) = G_{\zeta\zeta} \underline{x}_\zeta(t) & (7.68) \\ S(F_\epsilon, G_\epsilon) : F_{\epsilon\epsilon} \dot{\underline{x}}_\epsilon(t) = G_{\epsilon\epsilon} \underline{x}_\epsilon(t) & (7.69) \\ S(F_f, G_f) : F_{ff} \dot{\underline{x}}_f(t) = G_{ff} \underline{x}_f(t) & (7.70) \\ S(F_\infty, G_\infty) : F_{\infty\infty} \dot{\underline{x}}_\infty(t) = G_{\infty\infty} \underline{x}_\infty(t) & (7.71) \end{cases}$$

By studying the properties of the subsystems  $S(F_\zeta, G_\zeta), S(F_\epsilon, G_\epsilon), S(F_f, G_f), S(F_\infty, G_\infty)$  the results may be transferred to  $S(F_k, G_k)$  and thus finally to the original description  $S(F, G)$ . In the following we shall examine the case of pencils characterised by only one type of invariants and possibly zero r.m.i.; the results are then used to provide a dynamic characterisation of the subspaces  $V$  of the domain of a general pair  $(F, G)$  for which  $(F, G)/V$  is characterised by only one type of invariants. The basis for the dynamic characterisation of subspaces is the nature of the solutions of the general system  $S(F, G)$  which are restricted in the given subspace  $V$  for initial conditions taken from  $V$ ; such solutions are defined by the solutions of the  $V$ -restricted differential system  $S(FV, GV)$ . Finally, the solution space properties of a general system  $S(F, G)$  are examined and the dynamic properties of the various types of invariant subspaces is given.

### 7.5.3. Entirely left singular differential systems

Let  $(F, G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  and  $S(F, G)$  be the associated differential system.  $S(F, G)$  will be called entirely left singular (e.l.s.) if  $(F, G)$ , or the associated pencil  $sF - G$  is entirely left singular. For e.l.s. pairs  $(F, G)$ ,  $I_r(F, G) = I_r(F, G) = \{\zeta_1 = \dots = \zeta_{g'} = 0, 0 < \zeta_{g'+1} \leq \dots \leq \zeta_t\}$  and thus the Kronecker form  $(F_k, G_k) = (F_{\zeta}, G_{\zeta})$ . Thus, (7.67c) may be written as

$$S(F, G) : F \dot{x} = Gx \xrightarrow[(R^{-1}, Q^{-1})]{(R, Q)} S(F_{\zeta}, G_{\zeta}) : F_{\zeta} \dot{x}_{\zeta} = G_{\zeta} x_{\zeta}, \quad x = Qx_{\zeta} \quad (7.72a)$$

where

$$F_{\zeta} = \begin{bmatrix} 0_{g', n} \\ \vdots \\ L_{\zeta_{g'+1}} & 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 & L_{\zeta_t} \end{bmatrix}, \quad G_{\zeta} = \begin{bmatrix} 0_{g', n} \\ \vdots \\ \hat{L}_{\zeta_{g'+1}} & 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 & \hat{L}_{\zeta_t} \end{bmatrix} \quad (7.72b)$$

and

$$L_{\zeta} = \begin{bmatrix} I_{\zeta} \\ \vdots \\ 0^t \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{(\zeta+1) \times \zeta}, \quad \hat{L}_{\zeta} = \begin{bmatrix} 0^t \\ \vdots \\ I_{\zeta} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{(\zeta+1) \times \zeta} \quad (7.72c)$$

For a general differential system having an e.l.s. part we have the following result [Kar. & Hay. -2].

**Proposition (7.19):** Let  $(F, G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $S(F, G)$  be the associated differential system and let  $n_r = \sum_{i=1}^t \zeta_i$  be the number associated with the set of r.m.i.,  $I_r(F, G)$  of  $(F, G)$ .

- (i) The system  $S(F, G)$  is e.l.s. if and only if  $n = n_r$ . Then,  $m = n_r + t$  ( $t$  = number of r.m.i.).
- (ii) If  $n_r = n$ , i.e.  $S(F, G)$  is e.l.s., then the only solution of  $S(F, G)$  (over the  $D'_{\beta}$  distributions space) is  $\underline{x}(t) = \underline{0}$ ,  $t \geq 0$ .



- (iii) If  $0 < n_r < n$ , i.e.  $S(F, G)$  is a general differential system, then there is a number  $n_r$  of independent linear relations among the coordinates of the generalised state vector  $\underline{x}(t)$  of  $S(F, G)$ .

### Proof

- (i) The first part follows by inspection of the Kronecker form.  
 (ii) By (7.72) and if  $\underline{x}_\zeta = [x_{\zeta_{g'+1}}^t; \dots; x_{\zeta_t}^t]$ , then for the non zero blocks we have:

$$L_{\zeta_j} \dot{\underline{x}}_{\zeta_j} = \hat{L}_{\zeta_j} \underline{x}_{\zeta_j}, \quad j = g'+1, \dots, t \quad (7.73a)$$

Because of the (7.72c) structure of  $(L_{\zeta_j}, \hat{L}_{\zeta_j})$  blocks, it is readily shown that the only solution of (7.73a) for  $\forall j = g'+1, \dots, t$  is the zero solution. Since  $\underline{x}_\zeta = \underline{0}$  and  $Q$  invertible we have that  $\underline{x}(t) = \underline{0}$ ,  $t \geq 0$ .

- (iii) If  $0 < n_r < n$ , then  $S(F, G)$  is a general differential system. Let  $(R, Q)$  be a pair of strict equivalence transformations that reduces  $(F, G)$  to the Kronecker form  $(F_k, G_k)$ . We may write  $(F_k, G_k) = (\text{block diag.}\{F_\zeta, \tilde{F}\}, \text{block diag.}\{G_\zeta, \tilde{G}\})$ , where  $(\tilde{F}, \tilde{G})$  corresponds to all other invariants apart from r.m.i. By partitioning  $\underline{x}_k$  accordingly, i.e.  $\underline{x}_k = [\underline{x}_\zeta^t, \tilde{\underline{x}}^t]^t$ ,  $S(F_k, G_k)$  is reduced to the following two subsystems:

$$F_\zeta \dot{\underline{x}}_\zeta = G_\zeta \underline{x}_\zeta \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{F} \dot{\tilde{\underline{x}}} = \tilde{G} \tilde{\underline{x}} \quad (7.73b)$$

By part (ii)  $\underline{x}_\zeta(t) = \underline{0}$ ,  $t \geq 0$  is the only solution of  $S(F_\zeta, G_\zeta)$  and thus

$$\underline{x}_k = \begin{bmatrix} \underline{0} \\ \tilde{\underline{x}} \end{bmatrix} = \hat{Q} \underline{x} = \begin{bmatrix} Q_1 \\ Q_2 \end{bmatrix} \underline{x}, \quad \hat{Q} = Q^{-1}$$

from which

$$Q_1 \underline{x} = \underline{0}, \quad Q_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{n_r \times n} \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{\underline{x}} = Q_2 \underline{x} \quad (7.73c)$$

the first of the above conditions expresses the existence of  $n_r$  linear relationships ( $Q_1$  has full rank) among the coordinates of  $\underline{x}$ .



From the above result it follows that if  $S(F,G)$  is e.l.s. the  $C=\{0\}$  and the redundancy space  $C^*=\mathbb{R}^n-\{0\}$ . For a general differential system with  $n_r>0$  the above result demonstrates that the coordinates of generalised state vector are not independent, but they satisfy  $n_r$  linear relations. The index  $n_r$  has been previously defined as the left- $(F,G)$ -order of  $\mathbb{R}^n, C_\ell(F,G;\mathbb{R}^n)$ ; because it expresses a number of independent relationships amongst the coordinates of  $\underline{x}(t)$  it will be also referred to as the redundancy index of  $S(F,G)$ . If  $n_r=0$  (i.e.  $(F,G)$  has only zero r.m.i.) dependence relationships of the type described above do not exist amongst the coordinates of  $\underline{x}(t)$ . The investigation of whether there exist other dependence relationships, which of course is connected with the nature of the  $C^*$  space, cannot be answered unless we examine the solvability of the other subsystems (7.69), (7.70), (7.71); however we may state the following remark.

Remark (7.13): The redundancy space  $C^*$  of a general differential system  $S(F,G)$  is a nonempty set if the left- $(F,G)$ -order of  $\mathbb{R}^n, C_\ell(F,G;\mathbb{R}^n)>0$ . Furthermore, if the domain  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is expressed as in (7.38a) i.e.

$$\mathbb{R}^n = V_\zeta \oplus V_\varepsilon \oplus V_o \oplus V_\alpha \oplus V_\infty \quad (7.74)$$

where  $I_{V_\zeta}=\{I_r(F,G); I_r^0\}$ , then every  $\underline{c} \in V_\zeta, \underline{c} \neq 0$ , is also a vector in the  $C^*$  space of  $S(F,G)$ .

□

The above results enable us to give the following important dynamic property of the subspaces of the domain of a general pair  $(F,G)$ .

Preposition (7.20): Let  $(F,G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a subspace and let  $\dim V=d$ . If the left- $(F,G)$ -order of  $V, C_\ell(F,G;V)>0$ , then there exist initial vectors  $\underline{x}(0) \in V$  such that trajectories of  $S(F,G)$  starting from  $\underline{x}(0)$ , leave the subspace  $V$ .

Proof

To show that for some  $\underline{x}(0) \in V$  there exist trajectories that leave  $V$  we have to show that the restricted differential system  $S(FV, GV)$ ,  $V$  is a basis matrix of  $V$ , has no solution for some initial vectors  $\underline{y}(0)$ ; equivalently, we have to show that the  $C^*$  of  $(FV, GV)$  is nonempty. By Remark (7.13) and  $C_\ell(F, G; V) > 0$  the result is established.  $\square$

7.5.4. Entirely right singular differential systems

Let  $(F, G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  and  $S(F, G)$  be the associated differential system.  $S(F, G)$  will be called entirely right singular (e.r.s.) if  $(F, G)$ , or the associated pencil  $sF - G$  is entirely right singular. An extension of the notion of e.r.s. differential systems may be introduced by allowing in  $I(F, G)$  also a set of zero r.m.i.; differential systems of this type will be referred to as extended entirely right singular (e.e.r.s.).

Remark (7.14): Let  $S(F, G): \dot{\underline{F}}\underline{x}(t) = G\underline{x}(t)$  be an e.e.r.s. differential system. There always exist transformations  $R \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ ,  $|R| \neq 0$ , such that

$$S(F, G) \xrightleftharpoons[(R^{-1}, I)]{(R, I)} S(F', G'): \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \tilde{F} \end{bmatrix} \dot{\underline{x}}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \tilde{G} \end{bmatrix} \underline{x}(t) \quad (7.75)$$

where  $S(\tilde{F}, \tilde{G}): \tilde{F}\dot{\underline{x}}(t) = \tilde{G}\underline{x}(t)$  is e.r.s. Clearly, if  $X, \tilde{X}$  are the solution spaces of  $S(F, G), S(\tilde{F}, \tilde{G})$  respectively, then  $X = \tilde{X}$ .  $\square$

From the above remark it is clear that the study of e.e.r.s. is identical to the study of equivalent e.r.s. systems and this in the following we shall consider the case of e.r.s. systems. For e.r.s. pairs  $(F, G)$ ,  $I(F, G) = I_c(F, G) = \{\epsilon_1 = \dots = \epsilon_g = 0 < \epsilon_{g+1} \leq \dots \leq \epsilon_p\}$  and thus the Kronecker form  $(F_k, G_k) = (F_\epsilon, G_\epsilon)$ . Thus (7.67c) may be written as

$$S(F, G) : F \dot{\underline{x}}(t) = G \underline{x}(t) \xrightleftharpoons[(R^{-1}, Q^{-1})]{(R, Q)} S(F_\epsilon, G_\epsilon) : F_\epsilon \dot{\underline{x}}_\epsilon(t) = G_\epsilon \underline{x}_\epsilon(t), \quad \underline{x} = Q \underline{x}_\epsilon \quad (7.76a)$$

where

$$F_\epsilon = \begin{bmatrix} & & & 0 \\ & L_{\epsilon, g+1} & & \\ 0_{m, g} & & & \\ & 0 & & L_{\epsilon, p} \end{bmatrix}, \quad G_\epsilon = \begin{bmatrix} & & & \hat{L}_{\epsilon, g+1} \\ & \hat{L}_{\epsilon, g+1} & & \\ 0_{m, g} & & & \\ & 0 & & \hat{L}_{\epsilon, p} \end{bmatrix} \quad (7.76b)$$

$$L_\epsilon = \begin{bmatrix} I_\epsilon & 0 \\ 0 & I_\epsilon \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{\epsilon \times (\epsilon+1)}, \quad \hat{L}_\epsilon = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & I_\epsilon \\ I_\epsilon & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{\epsilon \times (\epsilon+1)} \quad (7.76c)$$

For an e.r.s. differential system we may state the following result [Kar. & Hay. -2].

Proposition (7.21): Let  $(F, G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  be an e.r.s. pair,  $S(F, G)$  be the associated differential system and let  $I(F, G) = I_r(F, G) = \{\epsilon_1, i_{\epsilon_p}\}$ .

- (i) For all  $\underline{x}(0^-) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , there exists a family of solutions  $\Sigma(\underline{x}(0^-))$  of  $S(F, G)$  which is nontrivial (contains at least one non zero element).
- (ii) There are  $p$  independent linear combinations of the coordinates of the g.s.v.  $\underline{x}(t)$  which may be arbitrarily assigned for  $\forall \underline{x}(0^-) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

### Proof

We seek solutions over the space of generalised functions which have Laplace transforms. We start from the canonical description (7.76); by taking Laplace transforms [Doe. -1] with  $\underline{x}_\epsilon(0^-)$  (the transformed to the new frame initial condition) we have

$$(sF_\epsilon - G_\epsilon) \hat{\underline{x}}_\epsilon(s) = F_\epsilon \underline{x}_\epsilon(0^-) \quad (7.77a)$$

where  $\hat{\underline{x}}_\epsilon(s) = \mathcal{L}\{\underline{x}_\epsilon(t)\}$ . If we now write



$$sL_{\varepsilon} - \hat{L}_{\varepsilon} = \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} s & -1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s & -1 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & s & -1 \end{array} \right] = [T_{\varepsilon}(s), -\underline{e}_{\varepsilon}] \in \mathbb{R}^{\varepsilon \times (\varepsilon+1)}[s] \quad (7.77b)$$

and partition  $\hat{\underline{x}}_{\varepsilon}(s)$  as

$$\hat{\underline{x}}_{\varepsilon}(s) = \left[ \underbrace{\hat{\underline{x}}_g(s)^t}_{g}; \underbrace{\hat{\underline{x}}_{\varepsilon_{g+1}}(s)^t}_{\varepsilon_{g+1}+1}; \dots; \underbrace{\hat{\underline{x}}_{\varepsilon_p}(s)^t}_{\varepsilon_p+1} \right]^t \quad (7.77c)$$

$\hat{\underline{x}}_{\varepsilon_j}(s) = [x_1^j(s), \dots, x_{\varepsilon_j}^j(s), x_{\varepsilon_j+1}^j(s)]^t = [\hat{\underline{x}}_{\varepsilon_j}'(s); x_{\varepsilon_j+1}^j(s)]^t$ ,  $j=g+1, \dots, p$  then (7.77a) yields the equivalent system of equations

$$0_{m,g} \cdot \hat{\underline{x}}_g(s) = 0_{m,g} \cdot \underline{x}_g(0^-) \quad (7.78a)$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c|c} T_{\varepsilon_{g+1}}(s) & 0 \\ \hline 0 & T_{\varepsilon_p}(s) \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{c} \hat{\underline{x}}_{\varepsilon_{g+1}}'(s) \\ \hline \hat{\underline{x}}_{\varepsilon_p}'(s) \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} \underline{e}_{\varepsilon_{g+1}} & 0 \\ \hline 0 & \underline{e}_{\varepsilon_p} \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{c} x_{\varepsilon_{g+1}+1}^{g+1}(s) \\ \hline x_{\varepsilon_p+1}^p(s) \end{array} \right] + \tilde{F}_{\varepsilon} \tilde{\underline{x}}_{\varepsilon}(0^-) \quad (7.78b)$$

where  $\tilde{\underline{x}}_{\varepsilon}(0^-)$  is the part of  $\underline{x}_{\varepsilon}(0^-)$  that corresponds to the non zero blocks of  $F_{\varepsilon}$ ;  $\tilde{F}_{\varepsilon}$  is the part of  $F_{\varepsilon}$  that excludes the zero block. Clearly, for all  $\underline{x}_g(0^-)$  and all admissible functions (7.78a) is trivially satisfied. Since  $\text{diag}\{T_{\varepsilon_j}(s), j=g+1, \dots, p\}$  has full rank over  $\mathbb{R}(s)$ , a family of solutions of (7.78b) exists over the space of admissible functions for arbitrary  $\tilde{\underline{x}}_{\varepsilon}(0^-)$  and arbitrary choice of  $\{x_{\varepsilon_{g+1}+1}^{g+1}(s), \dots, x_{\varepsilon_p+1}^p(s)\}$  (from the space of admissible functions). By transforming the result back to the original frame ( $S(F, G)$  system) the result is established.  $\square$

The above result establishes the existence of a family of solutions  $\Sigma(\underline{x}(0^-))$  for  $\forall \underline{x}(0^-) \in \mathbb{R}^n$  if  $S(F, G)$  is e.r.s., or e.e.r.s. The monuniqueness of the

solution, clearly implies that the differential system  $S(F,G)$  does not define a dynamical system; however, it is related to forced dynamical systems. This relationship will be investigated next, and the elements of the  $\Sigma(\underline{x}(0^-))$  family will be parametrised in terms of external inputs of an equivalent system. Of crucial importance in this investigation is the notion of m.r.f.i.r. of the pair  $(F,G)$  or of the triple  $(F,G;\mathbb{R}^n)$ . It is worth pointing out that the family of solutions  $\Sigma(\underline{x}(0^-))$  is defined over the space  $D_L^n$ , where  $D_L$  is the space of distributions with a Laplace transform [Doe. -1]; this family will be denoted by  $\Sigma_D(\underline{x}(0^-))$ , in short. A subset of  $D_L$  are the Bohl distributions  $D_B'$  (distributions with a rational Laplace transform); the subset of  $\Sigma_D(\underline{x}(0^-))$ , defined over  $D_B'^n$  will be denoted by  $\Sigma_B(\underline{x}(0^-))$ . For the study of holdability properties of trajectories in a subspace, it will be shown that the  $\Sigma_B(\underline{x}(0^-))$  family is sufficient for our investigation.

Remark (7.15): For every  $\underline{x}(0^-) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , the families  $\Sigma_D(\underline{x}(0^-))$ ,  $\Sigma_B(\underline{x}(0^-))$  of the e.r.s. differential system  $S(F,G)$  are  $\mathbb{R}$ -vector spaces. □

By Corollary (7.16) we have:

Proposition (7.22): Let  $(F,G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  be an e.r.s. pair,  $I(F,G) = I_r(F,G) = \{\epsilon_1, i\epsilon_p\}$  and let  $E_K(A,B)$  be the n.B.o. of  $(F,G)$ .

(i) The  $E_K(A,B)$  orbit is controllable and it is characterised by the set  $\{\sigma_1: \sigma_1 = \epsilon_1 + 1, i\epsilon_p\}$  of controllability indices.

(ii) Let  $S(A,B) \in E_K(A,B)$  where

$$S(A,B): \dot{\underline{x}}(t) = A\underline{x}(t) + B\underline{u}(t), \quad \underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad \underline{u} \in \mathbb{R}^p \quad (7.79a)$$

$sN-NA \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}[s]$  be the corresponding restricted input-state pencil and let  $sF-G = R(sN-NA)Q$ ,  $R \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ ,  $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $|R| \neq 0$ ,  $|Q| \neq 0$ .

If  $\Sigma_D^{A,B}(\underline{x}(0^-))$  is the family of solutions of  $S(A,B)$ , that correspond to the given  $\underline{x}(0^-)$  and all  $\underline{u}(t) \in D_L^p$  and  $\Sigma_D(\underline{x}(0^-))$  the family of solutions of

$S(F,G)$  which correspond to  $\underline{x}(0^-) = Q\tilde{\underline{x}}(0^-)$ , then  $\Sigma_D^{A,B}(\tilde{\underline{x}}(0^-))$  and  $\Sigma_D(\underline{x}(0^-))$  are isomorphic. Furthermore, the family  $\Sigma_D(\underline{x}(0^-))$  is given by

$$\underline{x}(t) = Q\{e^{At}\tilde{\underline{x}}(0^-) + \int_{0^-}^t e^{A(t-\tau)} B\tilde{\underline{u}}(\tau)d\tau\} \quad \forall \tilde{\underline{u}}(t) \in D_L^p \quad (7.79b)$$

### Proof

Part (i) follows from Corollary (7.16). For any  $S(A,B) \in E_K(A,B)$  we have that

$$S(A,B): \dot{\underline{x}} = A\underline{x} + B\underline{u} \Leftrightarrow N\dot{\underline{x}} = NA\underline{x}, \quad \tilde{\underline{u}} = B^+(\dot{\underline{x}} - A\underline{x}) \quad (7.80)$$

where  $N, B^+$  are left annihilators, inverse of  $B$ . Furthermore, the pencil  $sN - NA$  and  $sF - G$  are strict equivalent and thus, their solution spaces are isomorphic i.e. every solution of  $S(F,G)$  defines a solution of  $S(N,NA)$  and vice versa. The differentiability, in the distributional sense of the elements of  $\Sigma_D(\underline{x}(0^-))$  is essential for the definition of  $\tilde{\underline{u}}(t)$  in the equivalence defined by (7.80).  $\square$

The above result demonstrates that the solution space  $X$  of the e.r.s. system  $S(F,G)$  is isomorphic to the solution space of a proper m.r.f.r. described by the  $S(A,B): \dot{\underline{x}} = A\underline{x} + B\underline{u}$  forced linear system with  $(A,B)$  controllable; thus we may state

Remark (7.16): The properties of the solution space  $\Sigma_D(\underline{x}(0^-))$  of an e.r.s. differential system  $S(F,G)$  are completely described by the properties of the solution space of a controllable forced linear system  $S(A,B)$  which corresponds to a given initial condition  $\underline{x}(0^-)$  and any control input  $\underline{u}(t) \in D_L^p$ . Furthermore, every solution  $\underline{x}(t) \in \Sigma_D(\underline{x}(0^-))$  may be parametrised by a  $\underline{u}(t) \in D_L^p$  defined by

$$\underline{u}(t) = B^+\{\dot{\underline{x}}(t) - A\underline{x}(t)\} \quad (7.81) \quad \square$$

From the above results, it is obvious that the controllability properties of the standard linear theory may be transferred to the case of autonomous

differential systems. This topic will be examined next. Before we proceed, it is worth pointing out that the  $\Sigma_B(x(0^-))$  family of solutions contains as a subset those solutions which are defined from the space of  $C^\infty$  functions (functions with a strictly proper rational Laplace transform). This subfamily will be denoted by  $\Sigma_c(\underline{x}(0^-))$ .

**Proposition (7.23):** Let  $(F,G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  be an e.r.s. pair,  $S(F,G)$  the associated differential system;  $\underline{c}_1, \underline{c}_2 \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and let  $\Sigma_B(\underline{c}_1), \Sigma_c(\underline{c}_1)$  be the families of solutions of  $S(F,G)$  which correspond to  $x(0^-) = \underline{c}_1$ .

- (i) For  $\forall (\underline{c}_1, \underline{c}_2)$  pair, there exists a distributional trajectory  $x(t) \in \Sigma_B(\underline{c}_1)$  such that  $\underline{x}(0^+) = \underline{c}_2$ .
- (ii) For  $\forall (\underline{c}_1, \underline{c}_2)$  pair, there exists a normal state trajectory  $\underline{x}(t) \in \Sigma_c(\underline{c}_1)$  such that  $\underline{x}(t_0^+) = \underline{c}_2$  for some  $t_0 \geq 0$ .

□

This result follows immediately by Remark (7.16) and the standard results on reachability of linear systems (see [Won. -1], [Kai. -1]). Part (i) expresses the property that any two points in the space  $\mathbb{R}^n$  may be connected by a distributional trajectory in "zero time" [Kar. & Kour. -2], [Kai. -1], while part (ii) expresses the standard notion of reachability [Kal. -1]. The above property motivates the following definition.

**Definition (7.11):** Let  $(F,G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  be a general pair,  $S(F,G)$  the associated differential system, and  $C$  the initial space of  $S(F,G)$ . For a  $\underline{c}_1 \in C$ , we shall denote by  $\Sigma_B(\underline{c}_1), \Sigma_c(\underline{c}_1)$  the families  $D'_B$ -distributional,  $C^\infty$ -trajectories of  $S(F,G)$  which are excited by  $\underline{x}(0^-) = \underline{c}_1$ . We define:

- (i) A pair  $(\underline{c}_1, \underline{c}_2) \in C \times \mathbb{R}^n$  will be said to be  $D'_B$ -reachable,  $C^\infty$ -reachable, if there exists  $\underline{x}(t) \in \Sigma_B(\underline{c}_1), \underline{x}'(t) \in \Sigma_c(\underline{c}_1)$  respectively and  $t_0 \geq 0$  such that  $(\underline{x}(0^-) = \underline{c}_1, \underline{x}(t_0^+) = \underline{c}_2), (\underline{x}'(0^-) = \underline{c}_1, \underline{x}'(t_0^+) = \underline{c}_2)$  correspondingly.



(ii) The set of vectors  $\underline{c} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  for which  $(0, \underline{c})$  is  $D'_B$ -reachable,  $C^\infty$ -reachable will be denoted by  $R_B, R_C$  respectively;  $R_B, R_C$  will be called the  $D'_B$ -reachable set,  $C^\infty$ -reachable set of  $S(F, G)$ . The set  $R_B^*, R_C^*$  which are complementary of  $R_B, R_C$  respectively with respect to  $\mathbb{R}^n$  will be referred to as the  $D'_B$ -nonreachable-,  $C^\infty$ -nonreachable-set of  $S(F, G)$  correspondingly.

(iii) If every pair  $(\underline{c}_1, \underline{c}_2) \in C \times \mathbb{R}^n$  is  $D'_B$ -reachable,  $C^\infty$ -reachable then the system  $(F, G)$  will be called  $D'_B$ -reachable,  $C^\infty$ -reachable respectively.  $\square$

Because of the linearity we may state the following:

Remark (7.17):  $S(F, G)$  is  $D'_B$ -reachable,  $C^\infty$ -reachable if every pair  $(0, \underline{c}), \underline{c} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is  $D'_B$ -reachable,  $C^\infty$ -reachable respectively.  $\square$

Clearly, this remark simplifies the study of reachability. For the sets  $R_B, R_C$ , linearity implies the following property.

Remark (7.18): The sets  $R_B, R_C$  of a general system  $S(F, G)$  are  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear vector spaces. Furthermore,  $S(F, G)$  is  $D'_B$ -reachable,  $C^\infty$ -reachable if and only if  $R_B = \mathbb{R}^n, R_C = \mathbb{R}^n$  respectively.  $\square$

By Proposition (7.23) and Remark (7.14) we have:

Remark (7.19): If  $S(F, G)$  is an e.e.r.s. differential system, then it is  $D'_B$ -reachable and  $C^\infty$ -reachable.  $\square$

The converse of the latter result will be studied in the last section. Our attention is focused next on subspaces of the domain of a general pair  $(F, G)$ . Motivated by the standard results of the geometric theory [Won. -1], [Bas. & Mar. -1], [Will. -1] we give the following definition for  $S(F, G)$  systems.

Definition (7.12): Let  $(F, G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  be a general pair,  $S(F, G)$  the associated differential system,  $\Sigma_B(\underline{c}), \Sigma_C(\underline{c})$  the  $D'_B$ -distributional-,  $C^\infty$ -families

of trajectories for a  $\underline{x}(0^-) = \underline{c} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and let  $V \in \mathbb{R}^n$  be a subspace.

- (i) The subspace  $V$  will be called a  $C^\infty$ -holding subspace ( $C^\infty$ -h.s.), if for  $\forall \underline{x}(0^-) = \underline{c} \in V$ ,  $\exists \underline{x}(t) \in \Sigma_C(\underline{c})$  such that  $\underline{x}(t) \in V$ ,  $\forall t \in \mathbb{R}^+$ .
- (ii) The subspace  $V$  will be called a  $D'_B$ -distributionally holding subspace ( $D'_B$ -h.s.), if for  $\forall \underline{x}(0^-) = \underline{c} \in V$ ,  $\exists \underline{x}(t) \in \Sigma_B(\underline{c})$  such that  $\underline{x}(t) \in V$ ,  $\forall t \in \mathbb{R}^+$ .
- (iii) The subspace  $V$  will be called a  $C^\infty$ -reachability subspace ( $C^\infty$ -r.s.), if for  $\forall \underline{c}_1, \underline{c}_2 \in V$ ,  $\exists t_0 \geq 0$  and  $\underline{x}(t) \in \Sigma_C(\underline{c}_1)$  such that  $\underline{x}(0^-) = \underline{c}_1$ ,  $\underline{x}(t_0^+) = \underline{c}_2$  and  $\underline{x}(t) \in V$ ,  $\forall t \in \mathbb{R}^+$ .
- (iv) The subspace  $V$  will be called a  $D'_B$ -distributionally reachability subspace ( $D'_B$ -r.s.), if for  $\forall \underline{c}_1, \underline{c}_2 \in V$ ,  $\exists t_0 \geq 0$  and  $\underline{x}(t) \in \Sigma_B(\underline{c}_1)$ , such that  $\underline{x}(0^-) = \underline{c}_1$ ,  $\underline{x}(t_0^+) = \underline{c}_2$  and  $\underline{x}(t) \in V$ ,  $\forall t \in \mathbb{R}^+$ .

□

We will denote by  $H_C(F,G)$ ,  $H_B(F,G)$ ,  $K_C(F,G)$ ,  $K_B(F,G)$  the families of all  $C^\infty$ -h.s.,  $D'_B$ -h.s.,  $C^\infty$ -r.s.,  $D'_B$ -r.s., respectively defined on a pair  $(F,G)$ . From the definition, the following properties may be readily verified.

Remark (7.20): The families of subspaces  $H_C$ ,  $H_B$ ,  $K_C$ ,  $K_B$  defined on a general differential system  $S(F,G)$  satisfy the properties.

$$K_C \subset H_C, \quad K_B \subset H_B$$

□

To show the above properties take  $\underline{c}_2 = \underline{0}$  in the definition of  $C^\infty$ -r.s.,  $D'_B$ -r.s. The families of subspaces defined above are extensions of the standard notions of the geometric theory to the case of  $S(F,G)$  differential systems. The links between the standard dynamic notions and those defined here, will be explored in the last section by using the notion of m.r.f.i.r. of  $(F,G;V)$ . The properties of subspaces mentioned above may be checked by investigating the properties of solution space of differential systems associated with  $V$ .

Definition (7.13): Let  $(F,G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  be a general pair,  $S(F,G): \dot{\underline{x}}(t) = G\underline{x}(t)$ , be the associated differential system,  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a subspace and  $V_\alpha$

basis matrix of  $V$ . We define

$$S(FV, GV) : FV\dot{\underline{v}}(t) = GV\underline{v}(t), \quad \underline{x}(t) = V\underline{v}(t) \quad (7.82)$$

as the  $V$ -restricted differential system of  $S(F, G)$ . The initial, redundancy space of  $S(FV, GV)$  shall be denoted by  $C_V$ ,  $C_V^*$  respectively. The subset of consisting of all  $\underline{c} \in C_V$  for which there exists at least one  $C^\infty$ -trajectory will be denoted by  $C_V^C$ . Clearly, if  $\dim V = d$ , then  $C_V$ ,  $C_V^*$ ,  $C_V^C$  are subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . All other definitions given for  $S(F, G)$  carry over in a natural way the case of  $S(FV, GV)$ . □

By definitions (7.12), (7.13) and Proposition (7.20) we have:

Proposition (7.24): Let  $(F, G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  be a general pair,  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a subspace,  $\dim V = d$ ,  $C_\ell(F, G; V)$  the left- $(F, G)$ -order of  $V$  and let  $S(FV, GV)$  be the  $V$ -restricted differential system of  $S(F, G)$ .

- (i) Necessary and sufficient conditions for  $V$  to be a  $D_B'$ -h.s., is that  $C_V = \mathbb{R}^d$ .
- (ii) Necessary and sufficient condition for  $V$  to be a  $C^\infty$ -h.s., is that  $C_V^C$ .
- (iii) Necessary and sufficient condition for  $V$  to be a  $C^\infty$ -r.s. are that  $C_V^C = \mathbb{R}^d$  and  $S(FV, GV)$  is  $C^\infty$ -reachable.
- (iv) Necessary and sufficient conditions for  $V$  to be a  $D_B'$ -r.s. are that  $C_V = \mathbb{R}^d$  and  $S(FV, GV)$  is  $D_B'$ -reachable.
- (v) Necessary condition for  $V$  to be  $C^\infty$ -r.s.,  $D_B'$ -h.s.,  $C^\infty$ -r.s., or  $D_B'$ -r.s. is that  $C_\ell(F, G; V) = 0$ . □

This result will be extensively used throughout the rest of this chapter.

We close this section by investigating the properties of  $I_c$ -( $F, G$ )-c.m.i.s. in the context of the above definitions.

Theorem (7.12): Let  $(F, G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  be a general pair and let  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a subspace. If  $V$  is an  $I_c$ -( $F, G$ )-c.m.i.s. then,

- (i)  $V$  is a  $C^\infty$ -h.s., as well as a  $D_B'$ -h.s.

(ii)  $V$  is a  $C^\infty$ -r.s., as well as a  $D_B'$ -r.s. □

The proof of the result follows from the fact that  $S(FV, GV)$  is an e.e.r.s. differential system; then by Remark (7.14), Propositions (7.23) and (7.24) and Definition (7.13) the results follows. The families of  $C^\infty$ -,  $D_B'$ -solutions defined for  $\forall \underline{x}(0^-) = \underline{c} \in V$  will be denoted by  $\Sigma_C^V(\underline{x}(0^-))$ ,  $\Sigma_B^V(\underline{x}(0^-))$  and they may be parametrised as it is indicated by Proposition (7.22) and Remark (7.16).

### 7.5.5. Regular differential systems

Let  $(F, G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  and  $S(F, G)$  be the associated differential system.  $S(F, G)$  will be called extended entirely right regular (e.e.r.r.), if  $(F, G)$ , or the associated pencil  $sF - G$  is right nonsingular and the left- $(F, G)$ -order of  $\mathbb{R}^n C_\ell(F, G; \mathbb{R}^n) = 0$ . Clearly,  $S(F, G)$  is e.e.r.r. if  $sF - G$  is characterised by e.d. and possible zero r.m.i.; for e.e.r.r. systems we have that  $m \geq n$ . If  $m = n$  and  $S(F, G)$  is e.e.r.r., then it will be called entirely regular (e.r.) For e.r. differential systems we have that  $sF - G$  is a regular pencil.

Remark (7.21): Let  $S(F, G)$  be an e.e.r.r. differential system. There always exist transformations  $R \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ ,  $|R| \neq 0$ , such that

$$S(F, G): \dot{\underline{x}}(t) = G\underline{x}(t) \xrightleftharpoons[(R^{-1}, I)]{(R, I)} S(F', G'), \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ \tilde{F} \end{bmatrix} \dot{\underline{x}}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ \tilde{G} \end{bmatrix} \underline{x}(t) \quad (7.83)$$

where  $S(\tilde{F}, \tilde{G}): \tilde{F}\dot{\underline{x}}(t) = \tilde{G}\underline{x}(t)$  is e.r. Clearly, if  $X, \tilde{X}$  are the solution spaces of  $S(F, G)$ ,  $S(\tilde{F}, \tilde{G})$  respectively, then  $X = \tilde{X}$ . □

From the above remark it follows that the study of e.e.r.r. systems is identical to that of e.r. systems and thus, in the following we shall concentrate on e.r.  $S(F, G)$  systems. Let  $(F, G) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $(F, G)$  regular,  $\mathcal{D}_\infty(F, G) \triangleq \{\hat{s}^q i, i \in \mu\}$  the set of i.e.d.,  $\mathcal{D}_f(F, G) \triangleq \{(s - \lambda_i)^{d_i}, i \in \tau\}$  the set of all finite e.d. of  $(F, G)$ ; we shall denote by  $\Theta_\infty = \sum_{i=1}^{\mu} q_i$  and  $\Theta_f = \sum_{i=1}^{\tau} d_i$  and thus



$\theta_f = n - \theta_\infty$ . There exists pairs  $(R, Q)$  of strict equivalence transformations (real, or complex) that reduce  $(F, G)$  to the Weierstrass form (real, or complex)  $(F_w, G_w)$  and thus

$$S(F, G) : \dot{\underline{x}}(t) = G \underline{x}(t) \xrightleftharpoons[(R^{-1}, Q^{-1})]{(R, Q)} S(F_w, G_w) : \dot{\underline{x}}_w(t) = G_w \underline{x}_w(t) \quad (7.84a)$$

where

$$F_w = \text{diag}\{H_\infty; I_{\theta_f}\}, \quad G_w = \text{diag}\{I_{\theta_\infty}; C_f\} \quad (7.84b)$$

$H_\infty = \text{diag}\{H_{q_i}, i \in \underline{p}\} \in \mathbb{R}^{\theta_\infty \times \theta_\infty}$ ,  $H_{q_i}$  the  $q_i \times q_i$  standard nilpotent block and  $C_f \in \mathbb{R}^{\theta_f \times \theta_f}$  is the Jordan form, or real canonical form associated with the set  $\mathcal{D}_f(F, G)$ .

By partitioning the state vector  $\underline{x}_w$  according to the (7.84b) partitioning, i.e.  $\underline{x}_w = [\underline{x}_\infty^t; \underline{x}_f^t]^t$ , (7.84a) is reduced to the following system of differential systems

$$S(F_w, G_w) \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} H_\infty \dot{\underline{x}}_\infty(t) = \underline{x}_\infty(t) \\ \dot{\underline{x}}_f(t) = C_f \underline{x}_f(t) \end{cases} \quad (7.85a)$$

$$(7.85b)$$

The numbers  $\theta_\infty, \theta_f$  defined above, characterise the dimensions of the subsystems in (7.85a), (7.85b) and shall be referred to as the infinite order, finite order of the e.r.  $S(F, G)$ , as well as of any e.e.r.r. system. For a regular initial space  $C_r$  we have defined the subsets  $C_r^c, C_r^d$  which correspond to  $C^\infty$ -regular solutions,  $D'_B$ -regular but not  $C^\infty$ -solutions respectively. The subset of  $C_r$  which yield purely impulsive solutions will be denoted by  $C_r^\delta$  and the corresponding solution space will be denoted by  $X_r^\delta$ ;  $X_r^\delta$  will be referred to as the purely impulsive regular solution space. Clearly,  $C_r^\delta C_r^d C_r^c$  and  $X_r^\delta X_r^d X_r^c$ . For an e.r.  $(F, G)$  system we have:

**Theorem (7.13):** Let  $(F, G) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  be an e.r. pair,  $\theta_\infty, \theta_f$  be the infinite, finite order of  $(F, G)$ ,  $S(F, G)$  the associated differential system and let  $C, X$  be the initial space, solution space of  $S(F, G)$  respectively.

- (i)  $\forall \underline{c} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is a consistent, regular initial vector and thus  $C = C_r = \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $X = X_r$ .
- (ii) The subsets  $C_r^c, C_r^\delta$  are  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear vector spaces,  $\dim C_r^c = \theta_f$ ,  $\dim C_r^\delta = \theta_\infty$  and  $C_r^d = \mathbb{R}^n - C_r^c$ .
- (iii)  $X = X_r$  is an  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear vector space and  $\dim X = n$ . Furthermore the subsets  $X_r^c, X_r^\delta$  of  $X_r$  are  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear vector spaces;  $\dim X_r^c = \theta_f$ ,  $\dim X_r^\delta = \theta_\infty - \mu$ , ( $\mu$  = number of i.e.d.),  $X = X_r \oplus X_r^\delta$  and  $\dim X = n - \mu$ .

### Proof

- (i) Solving  $S(F, G): \underline{F}\dot{\underline{x}}(t) = G\underline{x}(t)$  by the Laplace transform method, for arbitrary initial values of  $\underline{x}(t)$  at  $t=0^-$  [Doe. -1], [Kai. -1] we get the equation:

$$(sF - G)\hat{\underline{x}}(s) = F\underline{x}(0^-) \quad (7.86a)$$

where  $\hat{\underline{x}}(s) = L_{-}\{\underline{x}(t)\}$  is the Laplace transform from  $0^-$  of  $\underline{x}(t)$ . Since  $(sF - G)$  is regular (invertible over  $\mathbb{R}(s)$ ) we have that

$$\hat{\underline{x}}(s) = (sF - G)^{-1} F\underline{x}(0^-) \quad (7.86b)$$

Equation (7.86b) gives the solution  $\underline{x}(t) = L_{-}^{-1}\{\hat{\underline{x}}(s)\}$  of  $S(F, G)$  for all  $\underline{x}(0^-) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Clearly, for  $\forall \underline{x}(0^-) = \underline{c} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  a solution exists and it is uniquely defined; furthermore, since  $(sF - G)^{-1} F \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}(s)$ ,  $\underline{x}(t) \in \mathcal{D}_B^n$  (belongs the space of Bohl distributions). Thus,  $C = C_r = \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $X$  is regular, i.e.  $X = X_r$ .

- (ii) Let  $(R, Q)$  be a pair such that  $(F, G) = (\hat{R}F_w \hat{Q}, \hat{R}G_w \hat{Q})$ ,  $\hat{R} = R^{-1}$ ,  $\hat{Q} = Q^{-1}$  and  $\underline{x}(\cdot) = Q\underline{x}_w(\cdot)$ . Then,

$$\hat{\underline{x}}(s) = Q\{(sF_w - G_w)^{-1} F_w\} \underline{x}_w(0^-), \quad \underline{x}(0^-) = Q\underline{x}_w(0^-) \quad (7.86c)$$

Using (7.84b), the above expression yields

$$\hat{\underline{x}}(s) = Q \begin{bmatrix} (sH_\infty - I_{\theta_\infty})^{-1} H_\infty & 0 \\ 0 & (sI_{\theta_f} - C_f)^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \underline{x}_w(0^-) \quad (7.86d)$$

$\underline{x}_w(0^-)$  may now be considered as an arbitrary initial vector of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  (since  $\underline{x}(0^-) = Q \underline{x}_w(0^-)$ ,  $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $|Q| \neq 0$ ). By partitioning  $\underline{x}_w(0^-) = \underline{c}$  as  $\underline{c} = [\underline{c}_\infty^t, \underline{c}_f^t]$  and  $Q = [Q_\infty, Q_f]$  according to the (7.84b) partitioning, eqn. (7.86) yields

$$\hat{\underline{x}}(s) = Q_\infty (sH_\infty - I_{\theta_\infty})^{-1} H_\infty \underline{c}_\infty + Q_f (sI_{\theta_f} - C_f)^{-1} \underline{c}_f \quad (7.87)$$

Note that  $(sH_\infty - I_{\theta_\infty})^{-1} H_\infty \in \mathbb{R}^{\theta_\infty \times \theta_\infty}[s]$  polynomial, since  $sH_\infty - I_{\theta_\infty}$  is  $\mathbb{R}[s]$ -unimodular and  $(sI_{\theta_f} - C_f)^{-1} \in \mathbb{R}^{\theta_f \times \theta_f}(s)$  strictly proper. Thus for  $\forall \underline{x}(0^-) \in \text{sp}\{Q_f\}$ ,  $\hat{\underline{x}}(s) \in \mathbb{R}^n(s)$  strictly proper and for  $\forall \underline{x}(0^-) \in \text{sp}\{Q_\infty\}$ ,  $\hat{\underline{x}}(s) \in \mathbb{R}^n[s]$  polynomial; furthermore, if  $\underline{x}(0^-)$  has non zero projection on both  $\text{sp}\{Q_\infty\}$ ,  $\text{sp}\{Q_f\}$  subspaces, the  $\hat{\underline{x}}(s) \in \mathbb{R}^n(s)$  is a general rational vector with non zero polynomial and non zero strictly proper part. Clearly  $C_r^c = \text{sp}\{Q_f\}$  and  $C_r^\delta = \text{sp}\{Q_\infty\}$  are  $\mathbb{R}$ -vector spaces and since  $Q_\infty, Q_f$  have full rank we have that  $\dim C_r^\delta = \text{rank}(Q_\infty) = \theta_\infty$ ,  $\dim C_r^c = \text{rank}(Q_f) = \theta_f$ . For all  $\underline{c} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $\underline{c} \notin \text{sp}\{Q_f\}$  the solution has always an impulsive part and thus  $C_r^d = \mathbb{R}^n - C_r^c$ .

(iii) Equation (7.87) clearly demonstrates that  $X_r, X_r^\delta$  and  $X_r^c$  are  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear vector spaces. If we define  $\hat{\Psi}(s) = [\hat{\Psi}_f(s), \hat{\Psi}_\infty(s)]$ , where

$$\Psi_f(s) = Q_f (sI_{\theta_f} - C_f)^{-1} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times \theta_f}(s), \quad \hat{\Psi}_\infty(s) = Q_\infty (sH_\infty - I_{\theta_\infty})^{-1} H_\infty \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times \theta_\infty}[s] \quad (7.88)$$

then,  $\text{rank}_{\mathbb{R}(s)} \hat{\Psi}_f(s) = \theta_f$ , and it is readily shown that  $\text{rank}_{\mathbb{R}(s)} \hat{\Psi}_\infty(s) = \theta_\infty - \mu$ . Every column in  $\hat{\Psi}_f(s), \hat{\Psi}_\infty(s)$  defines a  $C^\infty$ -solution, purely impulsive solution respectively. Every  $C^\infty$ -solution may be uniquely expressed in terms of the solutions defined by the columns of  $\hat{\Psi}_f(s)$  and every purely impulsive solution may be uniquely expressed in terms of the solutions corresponding to the non zero columns of  $\hat{\Psi}_\infty(s)$ . Thus the columns of  $\hat{\Psi}_f(s)$  and the non zero columns in  $\hat{\Psi}_\infty(s)$  are the Laplace transforms of solutions which form basis sets for  $X_r^c, X_r^\delta$  respectively. Thus,  $\dim X_r^c = \theta_f$ ,  $\dim X_r^\delta = \theta_\infty - \mu$  and clearly (from (7.87)),  $X_r = X_r^c \oplus X_r^\delta$ . Obviously,  $\dim X_r = n - \mu$ .

□

From the analysis of Chapter (4) (see Corollary (4.9)) we have that the matrix  $\bar{Q}$  which is used in the reduction of  $(F, G)$  to the Weierstrass form (complex) may be expressed as

$$\bar{Q} = [\bar{Q}_\infty, \bar{Q}_{\alpha_1}, \dots, \bar{Q}_{\alpha_i}, \dots, \bar{Q}_{\alpha_\mu}] \quad (7.89a)$$

where the columns of  $\bar{Q}_{\alpha_i}$  form a complete prime set of chains of  $(F, G)$  at  $s = \alpha_i \in \mathbb{R}$ , ( $R = \{\infty, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_\mu\}$  is the root range of  $(F, G)$ ).

Let  $\bar{Q}_{\alpha_i} = [\dots; \underline{x}_{\alpha_i}^k; \dots]$ . For every pair of complex conjugate  $(\alpha_i, \alpha_i^*)$  values, we may substitute the pair of block  $(\bar{Q}_{\alpha_i}, \bar{Q}_{\alpha_i^*})$  in (7.89a) by a single real block

$$Q_{\alpha_i} = [\dots; \text{Re}(\underline{x}_{\alpha_i}^k); \text{Im}(\underline{x}_{\alpha_i}^k); \dots] \quad (7.89b)$$

The matrix defined by

$$Q = [Q_\infty, Q_{\alpha_1}, \dots, Q_{\alpha_i}, \dots, Q_{\alpha_\nu}] \quad (7.89c)$$

where  $Q_{\alpha_j} = \bar{Q}_{\alpha_j}$  if  $\alpha_j \in \mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}$  may then be used for the reduction of  $(F, G)$  to the real spectral form. We shall denote by  $M_\beta^*$  the maximal generalised null space of  $(F, G)$  at  $s = \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\beta \in \mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}$ . For a pair of complex conjugate  $\alpha, \alpha^* \in \mathbb{R}$  we define as the  $(\alpha, \alpha^*)$  maximal generalised null space of  $(F, G)$  the space  $M_{\alpha, \alpha^*}^*$  defined by

$$M_{\alpha, \alpha^*}^* = \text{sp}_{\mathbb{R}} \{ \text{Re}(\underline{x}), \text{Im}(\underline{x}) : \forall \underline{x} \in M_\alpha^* \} \quad (7.89d)$$

Clearly,  $Q_\alpha$  (as defined by (7.89b)) is a characteristic basis matrix of  $M_{\alpha, \alpha^*}^*$  with respect to the real spectral form. Similarly  $Q_\beta = \bar{Q}_\beta$  (as defined in (7.89a)) is a characteristic basis matrix with respect to the real spectral form if  $\beta \in \mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}$ . The basis matrixes  $Q_\beta$ ,  $\beta \in \mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}$ ,  $Q_\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C} - \mathbb{R}$ , defined above will be referred to as  $\beta$ -,  $(\alpha, \alpha^*)$ -real spectral characteristic basis matrix of the subspaces  $M_\beta^*$ ,  $M_{\alpha, \alpha^*}^*$  respectively. The matrix  $Q$  in (7.89c) may be expressed as



$$Q = [Q_\infty, Q_f], \quad Q_f = [\dots, Q_{\alpha_1}, \dots], \quad \alpha_1 \in \mathbb{R} - \{\infty\} \quad (7.90a)$$

and  $\mathbb{R}^n$  may be written in a direct sum form as

$$\mathbb{R}^n = M_\infty^* \oplus M_f^* \quad (7.90b)$$

where  $M_f^*$  is the direct sum of all  $M_\beta^*$ ,  $M_{\alpha, \alpha^*}^*$  spaces defined for  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\beta \in \mathbb{R} - \{\infty\}$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R} - \mathbb{R}$ .  $M_\infty^*$ ,  $M_f^*$  will be called the maximal generalised null space of (F,G) at  $\{\infty\}$ ,  $\mathbb{R} - \{\infty\}$  respectively;  $Q_\infty$ ,  $Q_f$  are characteristic real spectral basis matrices of  $M_\infty^*$ ,  $M_f^*$  correspondingly. The index of annihilation of (F,G) at  $s=\infty$  (maximal order of i.e.d. of (F,G)) shall be denoted by  $q_\infty$ .

**Corollary (7.18):** Let  $(F,G) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  be an e.r. pair,  $M_\infty^*$ ,  $M_f^*$  the maximal generalised null spaces of (F,G) at  $\{\infty\}$ ,  $\mathbb{R} - \{\infty\}$  and let  $Q_\infty$ ,  $Q_f$  be characteristic real spectral basis matrices for  $M_\infty^*$ ,  $M_f^*$  correspondingly. Then,

$$(i) \quad C_r^\delta = M_\infty^* \quad \text{and} \quad C_r^C = M_f^*$$

(ii) Define the matrices  $\Psi_f(t)$ ,  $\Psi_\infty(t)$ ,  $\Psi(t) = [\Psi_f(t), \Psi_\infty(t)]$ ,  $t \geq 0^-$ , by

$$\Psi_f(t) = Q_f e^{C_f t}, \quad \Psi_\infty(t) = Q_\infty \sum_{i=0}^{q_\infty-2} \delta^{(i)}(t) H_\infty^{i+1} \quad (7.91)$$

(a)  $\Psi_f(t)$  is a basis matrix for  $X_r^C$ . The non zero vectors in  $\Psi_\infty(t)$ ,  $\Psi(t)$  define basis vectors sets for  $X_r^\delta$ ,  $X$  respectively.

(b) If  $\underline{x}(0^-) = \underline{x}_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , the general  $D_B'$ -solution of  $S(F,G)$  may be written as

$$\underline{x}(t, \underline{x}_0) = \Psi_f(t) \hat{Q}_f \underline{x}(0^-) - \Psi_\infty(t) \hat{Q}_\infty \underline{x}(0^-) \quad (7.92a)$$

where  $\hat{Q}_f$ ,  $\hat{Q}_\infty$  are  $\theta_f \times n$ ,  $\theta_\infty \times n$  matrices defined by

$$\hat{Q} = [Q_f, Q_\infty]^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{Q}_f \\ \hat{Q}_\infty \end{bmatrix} \quad (7.92b)$$

□

The analysis of the e.r. differential system and the study of its solutions has also appeared in the literature in many different forms. Campbell [Camp. -1,2] has examined the problems using the Drazin inverses and the solution

for the homogeneous case is similar to that given here (eqn. (7.92)). A justification for the solution of  $S(F,G)$  was given by Cobb [Cob. -1]. Cobb's reasoning is important since it explains the distributional solution as the limit of solutions of systems with  $F$  invertible. We consider here the simpler system (unforced) and of the type

$$S(H_\infty, I_{\theta_\infty}): H_\infty \dot{\underline{x}}(t) = \underline{x}(t), \quad H_\infty \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \quad (7.93a)$$

For any  $\underline{x}(0^-) = \underline{x}_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , the formal solution of (7.93a) is

$$\underline{x}(t, \underline{x}_0) = - \sum_{i=0}^{q_\infty-2} \delta^{(i)}(t) H_\infty^{i+1} \underline{c} \quad (7.93b)$$

Following Cobb we define:

Definition (7.14): The distributional vector  $\underline{x}(t)$  is a limiting solution of  $H_\infty \dot{\underline{x}} = \underline{x}$  with initial condition  $\underline{x}_0$ , if there exist sequences  $\{H_j\} \subset \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $\{\underline{x}_{0j}\} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ , with  $H_j$  invertible, such that  $H_j \rightarrow H_\infty$ ,  $\underline{x}_{0j} \rightarrow \underline{x}_0$  and the solution of  $H_j \dot{\underline{x}}_j = \underline{x}_j$ ,  $\underline{x}_j(0^-) = \underline{x}_{0j}$  converges to  $\underline{x}$ . □

Theorem (7.14)[Cob. -1]: For every  $\underline{x}_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , there exists a limiting solution of  $H_\infty \dot{\underline{x}} = \underline{x}$  with initial condition  $\underline{x}_0$ . The limiting solution is unique and it is  $\underline{x}(t, \underline{x}_0)$  in (7.93b). □

Francic [Fra. -1] has also examined the problem and he gives sufficient conditions for convergence in a distributional sense. We should point out that the work of Willems [Will. -1], Trentelman [Tren. -1] on distributionally controlled invariant subspaces (almost controlled invariant subspaces) and distributionally controllability subspaces (almost controllability subspaces) is intimately related to the present study; in fact the work of Karvanias [Kar. -1], Jaffe and Karcanias [Juf. & Kar. -1] has established the links between Willems characterisation and the matrix pencil characterisation of generalised invariant subspaces. It is through this equivalence and the notion

of invariant forced realisation that the dynamic (distributional) characterisation in [Will. -1], [Tren. -1] may be transferred to our present study.

Next, we give some results related to the dynamic characterisation of subspaces.

Remark (7.22): Let  $(F,G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  be a general pair,  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ , be a subspace  $\dim V = d$  and let  $(N, NA; \tilde{V})$ ,  $S_{i.r.}(A, B; \tilde{V})$  be a p.m.r.i.r., p.m.r.f.i.r. of  $(F, G; V)$  respectively. The solution space of  $S(FV, GV)$  is equivalent to the solution space of  $S_{i.r.}(A, B)$  in  $\tilde{V}$ , i.e. every solution of  $S_{i.r.}(A, B)$  in  $V$  yields a solution of  $S(FV, GV)$  and vice versa. □

This remark shows that the results in [Will. -1], [Tren. -1] may be interpreted to equivalent results on  $S(F, G)$  systems, as long as the restricted differential systems  $S(FV, GV)$ ,  $S(N\tilde{V}, NA\tilde{V})$  are strict equivalent.

Theorem (7.15): Let  $(F, G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  be a general pair,  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a subspace and let  $\Phi_V$  be the root range of  $(F, G)/V$ .

- (i) If  $V$  is a  $\Phi$ -(F,G)-e.d.s., then it is a  $D'_B$ -h.s.
- (ii) If  $V$  is a  $\Phi_\infty$ -(F,G)-e.d.s., ( $\infty$ -proper, or f.e.d), then it is also a  $C^\infty$ -h.s.
- (iii) If  $V$  is a simple  $\{\infty\}$ -(F,G)-e.d.s., then it is a  $D'_B$ -h.s. and a  $D'_B$ -r.s. □

Part (i) and (ii) follow immediately from Corollary (7.18). Note that if  $V$  is a simple  $\{\infty\}$ -(F,G)-e.d.s., then in a p.m.r.f.i.r.  $S_{i.r.}(A, B; \tilde{V})$ , the subspace  $\tilde{V}$  is a sliding subspace [Juf. & Kar. -1]. A rigorous proof for the distributional reachability property of sliding subspaces is given in [Tren. -1]. By combining part (iii) of Theorem (7.15) and Theorem (7.12) we have:

Corollary (7.19): Let  $(F, G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  be a general pair,  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a subspace. If  $(F, G)/V$  is characterised by c.m.i., i.e.d. and possibly zero r.m.i., then  $V$  is a  $D'_B$ -h.s. and also a  $D'_B$ -r.s. □

We close this section by noting that the general solution  $\underline{x}(t, \underline{x}_0)$  in (7.92a) is for  $t \geq 0^+$  a  $C^\infty$ -trajectory which is contained in  $M_f^*$ , for all  $\underline{x}_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Thus, we may state:

**Remark (7.23):** Let  $(F, G) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  be an e.r. pair. For  $\forall$  initial vector  $\underline{x}_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$  the general trajectory  $\underline{x}(t, \underline{x}_0)$  is for  $\forall t \geq 0^+$  a  $C^\infty$ -trajectory which is contained in  $M_f^*$  space of  $(F, G)$ . The space  $M_f^*$  has thus a strong attractivity property for all trajectories initiated by  $\forall \underline{x}_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . □

#### 7.5.6. Dynamic characterisation of the generalised invariant subspaces of a general pair $(F, G)$

In the study of the geometry of subspaces of the domain of a general pair  $(F, G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , a number of important notions of invariance have been introduced i.e. the notions of  $(G, F)$ -i.s.,  $(F, G)$ -i.s.,  $c$ -( $F, G$ )-i.s.,  $(W, U)$ -p.i.s.,  $e$ -( $F, G$ )-i.s.,  $e$ -( $G, F$ )-i.s.,  $c.e.$ -( $G, F$ )-i.s. and right-( $F, G$ )-annihilating spaces. These subspaces have been characterised in terms of the set of strict equivalence invariants of  $(F, G)/V$  and thus in terms of decompositions of the type (7.38a); such decompositions, together with the results of the previous section yield the following dynamic characterisation of the various types of generalised invariant subspaces.

**Theorem (7.16):** Let  $(F, G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  be a general pair,  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  a subspace and  $S(F, G)$ ,  $\hat{S}(F, G)$  be the differential systems associated with  $(F, G)$ . Then,

- (i) If  $V$  is a  $(G, F)$ -i.s., then for  $S(F, G)$  is a  $C^\infty$ -h.s., and for  $\hat{S}(F, G)$  a  $D_B'$ -h.s.
- (ii) If  $V$  is a  $(F, G)$ -i.s., then for  $S(F, G)$  is a  $D_B'$ -h.s. and for  $\hat{S}(F, G)$  a  $C^\infty$ -h.s.
- (iii) If  $V$  is a  $c$ -( $F, G$ )-i.s., then for both  $S(F, G)$ ,  $\hat{S}(F, G)$  it is a  $C^\infty$ -h.s.
- (iv) If  $V$  is a  $(W, U)$ -p.i.s., then for both  $S(F, G)$ ,  $\hat{S}(F, G)$  it is a  $D_B'$ -h.s. □



The proof of the above result follows from the decomposition properties of the subspaces involved, in terms of the fundamental subspaces of the type  $V_0$ ,  $V_\alpha$ ,  $V_\infty$ ,  $V_\varepsilon$ , from the duality of the pencils  $(F,G)/V$ ,  $(G,F)/V$  and from the characterisation of the elementary subspaces  $V_0$ ,  $V_\alpha$ ,  $V_\infty$ ,  $V_\varepsilon$  in terms of the solutions restricted to them. Similar arguments may be used to provide a dynamic characterisation of the maximal subspaces  $R^*$ ,  $K^*$ ,  $L^*$ ,  $J^*$ ,  $T^*$ ,  $W^*$  defined before. We summarise as follows:

**Theorem (7.17):** Let  $(F,G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  be a general pair,  $I(F,G)$  the set of strict equivalence invariance and let

$$\mathbb{R}^n = V_\zeta \oplus V_\varepsilon \oplus V_0 \oplus V_\alpha \oplus V_\infty \quad (7.94)$$

be a decomposition of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  implied by the set  $I(F,G)$ .

- (i) The maximal right annihilating space  $R^* = V_\varepsilon$  is the maximal  $C^\infty$ -r.s. for both systems  $S(F,G)$ ,  $\hat{S}(F,G)$ .
- (ii) The maximal  $(G,F)$ -invariant subspace  $T^* = V_\varepsilon \oplus V_0 \oplus V_\alpha$  is the maximal  $C^\infty$ -h.s. for  $S(F,G)$ .
- (iii) The maximal  $(F,G)$ -invariant subspace  $J^*$ ,  $J^* = V_\varepsilon \oplus V_\infty \oplus V_\alpha$  is the maximal  $C^\infty$ -h.s. for  $\hat{S}(F,G)$ .
- (iv) The maximal almost  $(F,G)$ -right annihilating space  $K^*$ ,  $K^* = V_\varepsilon \oplus V_\infty$ , is the maximal  $D_B^1$ -r.s. of  $S(F,G)$ .
- (v) The maximal almost  $(G,F)$ -right annihilating space  $L^*$ ,  $L^* = V_\varepsilon \oplus V_0$ , is the maximal  $D_B^1$ -r.s. of  $\hat{S}(F,G)$ .
- (vi) The maximal complete  $(F,G)$ -invariant subspace  $W^*$ ,  $W^* = V_\varepsilon \oplus V_\alpha$ , is the maximal  $C^\infty$ -h.s. for both systems  $S(F,G)$ ,  $\hat{S}(F,G)$ .
- (vii) The subspace  $Q^* = T^* + J^*$  is the maximal  $(W,U)$ -p.i.s.;  $Q^*$  is also the maximal  $D_B^1$ -h.s. for both systems  $S(F,G)$ ,  $\hat{S}(F,G)$  and may be expressed as  $Q^* = V_\infty \oplus V_\varepsilon \oplus V_\alpha \oplus V_0$ .

□

The proof is readily established from the previous results. We may now use Theorem (7.17) to characterise the properties of the spaces  $C$ ,  $C^*$  associated with a differential system  $S(F,G)$ .

Corollary (7.20): Let  $(F,G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $S(F,G)$ ,  $\hat{S}(F,G)$  be the associated differential systems and let  $C$ ,  $\hat{C}$  and  $C^*$ ,  $\hat{C}^*$  be the initial spaces and redundancy spaces of  $S(F,G)$ ,  $\hat{S}(F,G)$  respectively. Then,

- (i)  $C = \hat{C} = Q^*$
- (ii)  $C^* = \hat{C}^* = \mathbb{R}^n - Q^*$
- (iii)  $T^*CC$  is the maximal space of  $C^\infty$ -c.i.v. for  $S(F,G)$  and  $J^*C\hat{C}^*$  is the maximal space of  $C^\infty$ -c.i.v. for  $\hat{S}(F,G)$ .

□

The properties of the  $S(F,G)$ ,  $\hat{S}(F,G)$  defined by the terms regular, singular  $C^\infty$ -reachable,  $D_B^1$ -reachable may now be characterised in terms of the set of invariants of  $(F,G)$ , or equivalently in terms of maximal invariant subspaces as:

Corollary (7.21): Let  $(F,G) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $S(F,G)$ ,  $\hat{S}(F,G)$  be the associated systems,  $I(F,G) = \{I_r; I_c; D_o, D_\alpha, D_\infty\}$  the set of strict equivalence invariants of  $SF - \hat{S}G$ . Then,

- (i)  $S(F,G)$ ,  $\hat{S}(F,G)$  are regular, iff either of the following equivalent conditions hold true.
  - (a)  $I_r = I_r^0$  (a set of zero r.m.i., or  $\emptyset$ ) and  $I_c = \emptyset$ .
  - (b)  $Q^* = \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $R^* = \{0\}$ .
- (ii)  $S(F,G)$ ,  $\hat{S}(F,G)$  are  $C^\infty$ -reachable, iff either of the following equivalent conditions hold true.
  - (a)  $I_r = I_r^0$  and  $D_o = \emptyset$ ,  $D_\alpha = \emptyset$ ,  $D_\infty = \emptyset$ .
  - (b)  $R^* = \mathbb{R}^n$

(iii)  $S(F,G)$  is  $D_B^1$ -reachable, iff either of the following equivalent conditions hold true.

$$(a) \quad I_r = I_r^0, \quad \mathcal{D}_0 = \emptyset, \quad \mathcal{D}_\alpha = \emptyset$$

$$(b) \quad K^* = \mathbb{R}^n$$

(iv)  $\hat{S}(F,G)$  is  $D_B^1$ -reachable, iff either of the following equivalent conditions hold true.

$$(a) \quad I_r = I_r^0, \quad \mathcal{D}_\alpha = \emptyset, \quad \mathcal{D}_\infty = \emptyset$$

$$(b) \quad L^* = \mathbb{R}^n$$

□

The expression i.e.  $\mathcal{D}_\alpha = \emptyset$ , in the above result means that the set  $I(F,G)$  has no  $\mathcal{D}_\alpha$  subset in it.

## 7.6. Conclusions

The aim of this chapter was to provide a treatment of the subspaces of the domain of a general pair  $(F,G)$  from the geometric, algebraic and dynamic viewpoint. The basis for this work has been the characterisation of subspaces  $V$  in terms of the strict equivalence invariants of  $(F,G)/V$  restriction pencil. The motivation for this study has been the desire to detach the well developed geometric theory of regular state space systems [Won. -1], [Will. -1] e.t.c. from the specific content of regular state space systems and thus make it applicable to more general descriptions, such as the family of extended state space systems.

The notion of regular invariant realisations allows the translation of the results derived for  $S(F,G)$  systems, back to the framework of regular state space theory. In fact the notions of  $(F,G)$  is right annihilating spaces, are equivalent to the standard notions of  $(A,B)$ -invariant subspaces, controllability subspaces respectively.

The notion of  $(W, U)$ -p.i.s. corresponds to the standard notion of almost  $(A, B)$ -invariant subspace, while the almost  $(F, G)$ -right annihilating spaces correspond to the almost controllability subspace notion.

The treatment given here is by no means complete; although the "almost controlled invariance" and "almost reachability" properties with smooth trajectories may be transferred as a characterisation on the p.m.r.i.r.  $(N, NA; \tilde{V})$ , which corresponds to a triple  $(F, G; V)$ , the trajectories do not belong to the domain of  $(F, G)$ . It is an open question whether such important notions may be transferred on a general  $S(F, G)$  description. It seems that they are related to the specific property that  $(F, G)$  is entirely right singular.

The extension of the piecewise arithmetic progression sequences to the case of singular pair  $(F, G)$  provides the means for the computation of the Kronecker form by inspection. It is believed that the results of chapter (4) and (5) may provide a systematic procedure for the computation of  $K^*$ ,  $L^*$  along similar lines to those given for  $R^*$ .



## CHAPTER 8:

### 3.1. Interpretation

## Topological and Relativistic Aspects

# of Matrix Pencils and $S(F,G)$ Systems

## CHAPTER 8: TOPOLOGICAL AND RELATIVISTIC ASPECTS OF MATRIX PENCILS AND $S(F,G)$ SYSTEMS

### 8.1 Introduction

In the previous chapters a detailed exposition of the algebraic, geometric and dynamic aspects of the subspaces of the domain of a pair  $(F,G)$ , or of the associated differential system  $S(F,G)$  has been given. An implicit assumption in this study has been that the pair  $(F,G)$  is fixed. However, an uncertainty in the parameters of  $(F,G)$  is always inherent, whenever  $(F,G)$  emerges as the pair describing the differential equations of linear systems problem, or whenever it is the result of some previous stage of computations. Thus, the need for the study of perturbation properties of the pair  $(F,G)$  is of considerable importance and deserves special attention.

A vast amount of literature exists on the perturbation theory of the generalised eigenvalue-eigenvector problem (see for instance [Wilk. -1], [Ste. -1,2] etc.). Most of these results deal with the perturbation properties of the root range  $\Phi$  of  $(F,G)$ ; this area of research is still open in the direction of obtaining stronger bounds and extending the existing results to singular pairs. The robustness problem of the complete set of invariants of  $(F,G)$ , as well as the study of perturbation properties of the generalised invariant subspaces is also open. On the perturbation aspects of generalised invariant subspaces very few results are known with the noticable exception of the work of Stewart [Ste. -1,2] and Van Dooren [Van Do. -3] on deflating subspaces. The study of the generic properties of the pair  $(F,G)$  is also open; the results in this area are few with the exception on those dealing with the generic values of the root range  $\Phi$  [Hir. & Sm. -1] and those given in [Won. -1] on the generic values of c.m.i., r.m.i. on entirely right, left singular pairs.

The study of properties of a general pair  $(F', G')$  in a ball centered at some nominal pair  $(F, G)$ , is the subject of the perturbation theory. A similar in the formulation, but of entirely different nature problem, is the study of properties (that stem from the set of strict equivalence invariants) of a regular pair  $(\tilde{F}, \tilde{G})$  in the bilinear orbit  $E_B(F, G)$  of a given pair  $(F, G)$ . Given that the strict equivalence invariants are "space invariants" (invariant under coordinate transformations in the domain and codomain of  $(F, G)$  and bilinear transformations express transformations in the frequency domain (coordinate transformations on the Riemann sphere), this study may be termed as "space-frequency relativistic". This study is of theoretical importance, since it provides a classification of the geometric and dynamic aspects of  $(F, G)$  to those which are "space-frequency invariant", and those which are "relativistic" i.e. depend on the frequency coordinate frame. Apart from its theoretical importance, from the conceptual viewpoint, this study provides the means for the construction of "convenient dual problems" in linear systems, and as it has been discussed in Chapter (6) may also yield "convenient descriptions" from the computational viewpoint (see problem of assignment of condition number).

The chapter is divided into two parts. The first deals with the topological aspects and the second with the "relativistic". The topological results are of a preliminary nature and aims at two directions: first to provide a unifying framework for the study of perturbation aspects by introducing different metric topologies on the pairs  $(F, G)$  and second to establish the links between the new metrics and the already known results. The angle metric is connected with the work of Sun Ji-guang [Sun J.g. -1], and the deflating subspaces of Stewart are shown to be equivalent to the notion of e.d. subspace examined previously. The second part of the chapter deals with the classification of the geometric notions of invariant subspaces of

$(F, G)$ , as well as the classification of their dynamic counterparts. The results in this latter part are based on the theory of  $E_{H-B}$  equivalence developed in Chapter (6).

## 8.2 Classification of pairs, Characteristic spaces

We start off by giving some useful definitions and notation. We shall denote by  $L_{m,n} = \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \times \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ .

Definition (8.1): For a given pair  $L = (F, G) \in L_{m,n}$  we define:

$$(i) \quad \text{A flat matrix representation of } L: [L]_f = \begin{bmatrix} F \\ -G \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times 2n} \quad (8.1)$$

$$(ii) \quad \text{A sharp matrix representation of } L: [L]_s = \begin{bmatrix} -F \\ G \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{2m \times n} \quad (8.2)$$

□

Definition (8.2): Let  $L = (F, G) \in L_{m,n}$ , then  $L$  will be called nondegenerate

$$\begin{cases} \text{rank } [L]_f = m, & \text{if } m \leq n \\ \text{rank } [L]_s = n, & \text{if } m \geq n \end{cases} \quad (8.3)$$

□

Remark (8.1): Degeneracy, in the case of flat description implied zero row minimal indices, whereas in the case of sharp description implies zero column minimal indices.

Remark (8.2): If  $m = n$ , then nondegeneracy implies that  $L$  is a regular pair. By using these definitions we can express the notion of strict equivalence as follows:

Definition (8.3): Let  $L, L' \in L_{m,n}$

(a)  $L, L'$  will be called strict equivalent ( $LE_H L'$ ), iff  $\exists Q \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, R \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ ,  $|P|, |Q| \neq 0$ , such that:

$$(i) \quad [L']_f = R[L]_f \begin{bmatrix} Q & 0 \\ 0 & Q \end{bmatrix} \quad (8.4)$$



or equivalently

$$(ii) \quad [L']_s = \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ 0 & R \end{bmatrix} [L]_s Q \quad (8.5)$$

(b)  $L, L'$  will be called left strict equivalent,  $LE_H^L L'$ , iff

$$[L']_f = R[L]_f, \quad R \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}, \quad |R| \neq 0 \quad (8.6)$$

and shall be called right strict equivalent,  $LE_H^L L'$ , iff

$$[L']_s = [L]_s Q, \quad Q \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, \quad |Q| \neq 0 \quad (8.7)$$

□

For the pair  $L = (F, G) \in L_{m,n}$  we can define four vector spaces as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} X_f^L(L) &\triangleq \text{rowspan}_{\mathbb{R}}[L]_f, & X_f^C(L) &\triangleq \text{colspan}_{\mathbb{R}}[L]_f, \\ X_s^L(L) &\triangleq \text{rowspan}_{\mathbb{R}}[L]_s, & X_s^C(L) &\triangleq \text{colspan}_{\mathbb{R}}[L]_s \end{aligned} \quad (8.8)$$

Then it is clear, that:

$$\forall L, L' \in L_{m,n}: LE_H^L L' \quad X_f^L(L) = X_f^L(L') \text{ and } X_s^L(L) = X_s^L(L')$$

which means that  $X_f^L(L), X_s^L(L)$  are invariant for  $E_H^L$ -equivalence, but

$X_f^C(L), X_s^C(L)$  are not always invariant for  $E_H^L$ -equivalence.

Also,  $\forall L, L' \in L_{m,n}: LE_H^L L' \quad X_f^C(L) = X_f^C(L') \text{ and } X_s^C(L) = X_s^C(L')$  which also

means that  $X_f^C(L), X_s^C(L)$  are invariant under  $E_H^L$ -equivalence, but

$X_f^L(L), X_s^L(L)$  are not always invariant under  $E_H^L$ -equivalence. □

Next we shall give a classification of the pairs, according to their dimensions, and we shall examine the invariant properties of the four vector spaces which are defined on each pair of the corresponding class.

Let  $L = (F, G) \in L_{m,n}$ . The following classification is a simple consequence of the definitions and observations, so far.

Table (8.1) demonstrates the type of subspace, with invariant properties, we have to choose according to the dimensionality (relationship between  $m$  and  $n$ ) of the particular family of pairs  $L$ .

Table (8.1)

Dimensions	$X_F^L(L)$	$X_S^L(L)$	$X_F^C(L)$	$X_S^C(L)$	Invariant spaces
$m \leq n/2$	$E_H^0$ -invariant	$E_H^0$ -invariant	$X_F^C(L) \cong \mathbb{R}^{2m}$ $E_H^0$ -invariant	$X_S^C(L) \cong \mathbb{R}^{2m}$ $E_H^0$ -invariant	$X_F^L(L), X_S^L(L)$
$2n \geq m > n/2$	$E_H^0$ -invariant	$X_S^L(L) \cong \mathbb{R}^{2m}$ $E_H^0$ -invariant	$X_F^C(L) \cong \mathbb{R}^{2m}$ $E_H^0$ -invariant	$E_H^0$ -invariant	$X_F^L(L), X_S^C(L)$
$n \leq m/2 < 2m$	$X_F^L(L) \cong \mathbb{R}^{2n}$ $E_H^0$ -invariant	$X_S^L(L) \cong \mathbb{R}^n$ $E_H^0$ -invariant	$E_H^0$ -invariant	$E_H^0$ -invariant	$X_F^C(L), X_S^C(L)$
$2m \geq n > m/2$	$E_H^0$ -invariant	$X_S^L(L) \cong \mathbb{R}^n$ $E_H^0$ -invariant	$X_F^C(L) \cong \mathbb{R}^m$ $E_H^0$ -invariant	$E_H^0$ -invariant	$X_F^L(L), X_S^C(L)$
Regular, $m=n$	$E_H^0$ -invariant	$X_S^L(L) \cong \mathbb{R}^n$ $E_H^0$ -invariant	$X_F^C(L) \cong \mathbb{R}^n$ $E_H^0$ -invariant	$E_H^0$ -invariant	$X_F^L(L), X_S^C(L)$

$$L = (F-G)$$

$$L^e_{m,n}$$

Definition (8.4): For a non-degenerate pair  $L = (F, G) \in L_{m,n}$  we define the normal-characteristic space,  $\chi_N(L)$ , as follows:

- (i)  $\chi_N(L) \triangleq \chi_f^L(L)$ , if  $m \leq n$ , which is  $E_H^\ell$ -invariant
- (ii)  $\chi_N(L) \triangleq \chi_s^C(L)$ , if  $m > n$ , which is  $E_H^\ell$ -invariant

□

A straight consequence of (i) is that for regular pairs  $L = (F, G) \in L_{n,n}$ , we have that  $\chi_N(L) = \chi_f^L(L)$ . Furthermore, note that:

$$\chi_f^L(L) = \text{rowspan}[L]_f = \text{colspan}[L]_f^t, \text{ and } \chi_s^C(L) = \text{colspan}[L]_s = \text{rowspan}[L]_s^t, \quad (8.9)$$

Let  $L = (F, G) \in L_{m,n}$ ,  $m \leq n$  non degenerate pair, then  $\text{rank}[L]_f = m$  and  $\chi_N(L) = \chi_f^L(L) = \text{rowspan}[L]_f$  and thus  $\dim \chi_N(L) = m$ . Therefore, we can identify  $\chi_N(L)$  with a point of the Grassmann Manifold  $G(m, \mathbb{R}^{2n})$ . Note that if  $L_1 \in E_H^\ell L$ , then  $\chi_N(L_1)$  represents the same point on  $G(m, \mathbb{R}^{2n})$  as  $\chi_N(L)$ .

□

Let  $L_{n,n}^\ell$  be the set of regular pairs.  $\forall L = (F, G) \in L_{n,n}^\ell$  the equivalent class  $E_H^\ell(L) = \{L_1 \in L_{n,n}^\ell : [L_1]_f = R[L]_f, R \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, |R| \neq 0\}$  can be considered as representing a point on  $G(n, \mathbb{R}^{2n})$ ; this point may be identified with a  $\chi_N(L_1)$ ,  $L_1 \in E_H^\ell(L)$ . Note that each point of  $G(m, \mathbb{R}^{2n})$  does not represent a pair, but a left-equivalent class of pairs. We shall denote by  $\Sigma_1^L$  the set of all distinct generalised eigenvalues (finite and infinite) of the pair  $L \in L_{n,n}^\ell$  and by  $\Sigma_2^L$  the set of normalized generalised eigenvectors (Jordan vectors included) defined  $\forall \lambda \in \Sigma_1^L$ .

Let  $Q = \{(\Sigma_1^L, \Sigma_2^L) : \forall L \in L_{n,n}^\ell\}$ , we define the function,

$$f: L_{n,n}^\ell \longrightarrow Q: L \mapsto f(L) \triangleq (\Sigma_1^L, \Sigma_2^L) \in Q \quad (8.10)$$

It is obvious that  $f^{-1}(\{(\Sigma_1^L, \Sigma_2^L)\}) = E_H^\ell(L)$ , which means that  $f$  is  $E_H^\ell$ -invariant, thus from the eigenvalue-eigenvector point of view, it is reasonable to identify the whole class  $E_H^\ell(L)$  as a point of the Grassmann manifold. The study of Topological properties of ordered regular pairs is intimately related with the generalised eigenvalue problem. The analysis above demon-

strates that such properties may be studied on the appropriate Grassmann manifold. We may introduce a metric topology on the manifold in different ways. One such new metric is discussed next.

### 8.3 The angle metric

In the following we shall consider Grassmann manifolds which may be associated with elements of  $L_{m,n}$ . In the case where  $m \leq n$ , the manifold  $G(m, \mathbb{R}^{2n})$  is considered, whereas in the case of  $m \geq n$  the manifold  $G(n, \mathbb{R}^{2m})$  is the subject of examination. The metric defined in this section on the above manifolds, clearly covers the regular case. The relationship of the two Grassmann manifolds with pairs of  $L_{m,n}$  is clarified by the following remark.

Remark (8.3): (i) Let  $V \in G(m, \mathbb{R}^{2n})$ . There exists an  $E_H^\ell$ -equivalence class from  $L_{m,n}$  ( $m \leq n$ ), represented by an  $L = (F, G) \in L_{m,n}$  nondegenerate, such that  $V = \text{rowspan}[L]_f$ . (ii) Let  $V \in G(n, \mathbb{R}^{2m})$ . There exists an  $E_H^\ell$ -equivalence class from  $L_{m,n}$  ( $m \geq n$ ), represented by an  $L = (F, G) \in L_{m,n}$  nondegenerate, such that  $V = \text{colspan}[L]_s$ . □

Definition (8.5): A real valued function:  $d(\cdot, \cdot): G^2(m, \mathbb{R}^{2n}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_0^+$ , ( $m \leq n$ ) is called an orthogonal invariant metric (O.I.M.). If  $\forall V_1, V_2, V_3 \in G(m, \mathbb{R}^{2n})$  (we may assume that  $V_1 = \chi_N(L_1)$ ,  $V_2 = \chi_N(L_2)$ ,  $V_3 = \chi_N(L_3)$ ,  $L_i \in L_{m,n}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$  and non degenerate) it satisfies the following properties:

- (i)  $d(\chi_N(L_1), \chi_N(L_2)) \geq 0$ ,  $d(\chi_N(L_1), \chi_N(L_2)) = 0$  iff  $L_1 E_H^\ell L_2$
- (ii)  $d(\chi_N(L_1), \chi_N(L_2)) = d(\chi_N(L_2), \chi_N(L_1))$
- (iii)  $d(\chi_N(L_1), \chi_N(L_2)) \leq d(\chi_N(L_1), \chi_N(L_3)) + d(\chi_N(L_3), \chi_N(L_2))$
- (iv)  $d(\text{colspan}[[L_1]_f^t U], \text{colspan}[[L_2]_f^t U]) = d(\text{colspan}[L_1]_f^t, \text{colspan}[L_2]_f^t)$

where  $U \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  is an orthogonal matrix. □

Similarly we can define an orthogonal invariant metric on  $G(n, \mathbb{R}^{2m})$ . First we summarise some already known metrics for  $G(m, \mathbb{R}^{2n})$ ,  $m \leq n$ , and then we in-



roduce a new metric, the angle metric. Finally the relationship between the new metric and the previously defined ones are examined.

Theorem (8.1): [Sun J.G. -1]. For any two points  $V_1, V_2 \in G(m, \mathbb{R}^{2n})$ , such that

$V_1 = \chi_f^t(L_1) = \text{colspan}[L_1]_f^t$ ,  $V_2 = \chi_f^t(L_2) = \text{colspan}[L_2]_f^t$  we define  
 $X_1 = ([L_1]_f^t [L_1]_f^t)^{-1/2} \cdot [L_1]_f^t$ ,  $X_2 = ([L_2]_f^t [L_2]_f^t)^{-1/2} \cdot [L_2]_f^t$ , then

$$\ell(V_1, V_2) = \arccos[\det X_1 X_2^t X_2 X_1^t]^{1/2} \quad (8.11)$$

and

$$d_\ell(V_1, V_2) = \sin \ell(V_1, V_2) \quad (8.12)$$

are O.I.M. on  $G(m, \mathbb{R}^{2n})$

□

These metrics have been used by Ji-G-Sun on his work on perturbation analysis for the generalised eigenvalue-eigenvector problem. The above metrics have also been related [Sun. J.g. -1,2] to the other metrics on the Grassmann manifold (e.g. "gap" between subspaces,  $\sin\theta(X,Y)$ ). Let's denote by

$L_{m,n} = \{L = (F, G) \in L_{m,n}, m \leq n, L \text{ nondegenerate}\}$  and by  $L_{m,n}/E_H^\ell$  the quotient  $E_H^\ell$ -orbit we have seen that there is an one to one map  $\varphi$  defined by:

$$\varphi: L_{m,n}/E_H^\ell \longrightarrow G(m, \mathbb{R}^{2n}): E_H^\ell(L) \longrightarrow \varphi(E_H^\ell(L)) \triangleq \chi_N(L) = \chi_f^t(L) \triangleq V_L \in G(m, \mathbb{R}^{2n}) \quad (8.13)$$

with every  $m$ -dimensional subspace  $V_L$  of  $\mathbb{R}^{2n}$  we may always associate an one-dimensional subspace of the vector space  $\Lambda^m(\mathbb{R}^{2n})$  [Mar. -1], or in other words a point on the Grassmann variety  $\Omega(m, 2n)$  of the projective space  $\mathbb{P}^V(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $v = \binom{2n}{m} - 1$ .

These one-dimensional subspaces of  $\Lambda^m(\mathbb{R}^{2n})$  consist of decomposable multi-vectors, they are called Grassmann representatives of the corresponding subspace  $V_L$  and they are denoted by  $\underline{g}(V_L)$ . It is known that if  $\underline{x}, \underline{x}' \in \Lambda^m(\mathbb{R}^{2n})$  are two Grassmann representatives of  $V_L$  then,  $\underline{x}' = \lambda \underline{x}$ , where  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$ .

□

Definition (8.6): Let  $L = (F, G) \in \mathcal{L}_{m,n}$  and  $V_L \in G(m, \mathbb{R}^{2n})$  be the linear subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^{2n}$  which corresponds to the equivalent class  $E_H^L(L)$ . If  $\underline{x} \in \Lambda^m(\mathbb{R}^{2n})$  is a Grassmann representative of  $V_L$  and  $\underline{x} = [x_0, x_1, \dots, x_v]^t$ ,  $v = \binom{2n}{m} - 1$ , then we define as the normal Grassmann representative of  $V_L$  the decomposable multi-vector  $\tilde{\underline{x}}$  which is given by:

$$\tilde{\underline{x}} \triangleq \begin{cases} \frac{\text{sign}(x_v)}{\|\underline{x}\|_2} \cdot \underline{x}, & \text{if } x_v \neq 0 \\ \frac{\text{sign}(x_1)}{\|\underline{x}\|_2} \cdot \underline{x}, & \text{if } x_v = 0, x_1 \text{ is the first non zero component of } \underline{x} \end{cases} \quad (8.14)$$

where  $\text{sign}(x_1) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x_1 > 0 \\ -1, & \text{if } x_1 < 0 \end{cases}$

□

Proposition (8.1): The normal Grassmann representative  $\tilde{\underline{x}}$  of a subspace  $V_L \in G(m, \mathbb{R}^{2n})$  is unique and  $\|\tilde{\underline{x}}\|_2 = 1$ . ( $\|\cdot\|_2$  denotes the Euclidean norm).

Proof

Let  $\underline{x}' \in \Lambda^m(\mathbb{R}^{2n})$  be another Grassmann representative of  $V_L$ . Then clearly  $\underline{x}' = \lambda \underline{x}$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$  and  $\tilde{\underline{x}}'$  (the normal Gr. representative of  $\underline{x}'$ ) is given by:

$$\tilde{\underline{x}}' = \begin{cases} \frac{\text{sign}(x'_v)}{\|\underline{x}'\|_2} \cdot \underline{x}', & \text{if } x'_v = \lambda x_v \neq 0 \\ \frac{\text{sign}(x'_1)}{\|\underline{x}'\|_2} \cdot \underline{x}', & \text{if } x'_v = \lambda x_v = 0 \text{ and } x'_1 = \lambda x_1 \text{ is the first non zero component of } \underline{x}' \end{cases}$$

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{\lambda \text{sign}(\lambda) \text{sign}(x_v)}{|\lambda| \cdot \|\underline{x}\|_2} \cdot \underline{x}, & \text{if } x_v \neq 0 \\ \frac{\lambda \text{sign}(\lambda) \text{sign}(x_1)}{|\lambda| \|\underline{x}\|_2} \cdot \underline{x}, & \text{if } x_v = 0 \text{ and } x_1 \text{ the first non zero component of } \underline{x}. \end{cases} = \tilde{\underline{x}}$$

(because  $\frac{\lambda \text{sign}(\lambda)}{|\lambda|} = 1$ ).

So  $\tilde{x}$  is a unique representative of the class of all Grassmann representatives of the subspace  $V_L$ . The property  $\|\tilde{x}\|_2 = 1$  is obvious.  $\square$

Definition (8.7): Let  $V_{L_1}, V_{L_2} \in G(m, \mathbb{R}^{2n})$ , then we can define an angle  $\angle(V_{L_1}, V_{L_2})$  between them as follows:

$$\angle(V_{L_1}, V_{L_2}) \triangleq \arccos |\langle \tilde{x}_1, \tilde{x}_2 \rangle| \quad (8.15)$$

where  $\tilde{x}_1, \tilde{x}_2$  are the normal Grassmann representatives of  $V_{L_1}, V_{L_2}$  respectively and  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  denotes inner product.  $\square$

Proposition (8.2): The angle defined above is an orthogonal invariant metric on the Grassmann manifold  $G(m, \mathbb{R}^{2n})$ .

#### Proof

Properties (i), (ii) follow readily, property (iii) follows from the corresponding inequality for angles between vectors, which is a consequence of the  $\Delta$ -inequality on the unit sphere.

To prove (iv), let  $V_{L_i} = \text{colspan}[L_i]_f^t$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  and  $U$  an  $m \times m$  non singular matrix with  $|U| = \lambda$ . Then  $C_m([L_i]_f^t U) = C_m([L_i]_f^t) |U| = \lambda \cdot C_m([L_i]_f^t)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , which means that  $\angle([L_1]_f^t U, [L_2]_f^t U) = \angle([L_1]_f^t, [L_2]_f^t)$ , if we suppose that  $U$  is orthogonal then clearly it is an orthogonal invariant metric.

This metric angle on  $G(m, \mathbb{R}^{2n})$  is related to the standard metrics (8.11), (8.12) as it is shown below.

Proposition (8.3):  $\forall V_{L_1}, V_{L_2} \in G(m, \mathbb{R}^{2n})$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} (a) \quad \angle(V_{L_1}, V_{L_2}) &= \angle(V_{L_1}, V_{L_2}) \\ (b) \quad \sin\{\angle(V_{L_1}, V_{L_2})\} &= d_\lambda(V_{L_1}, V_{L_2}) \end{aligned} \quad (8.16)$$

Proof

By using the Binet-Cauchy theorem [Mar. & Min. -1], we have that

$$\det[X_1 X_2^t X_2 X_1^t] = C_m[X_1 X_2^t X_2 X_1^t] = C_m(X_1) C_m(X_2^t) C_m(X_2) C_m(X_1^t) = \\ = C_m(X_1) \cdot C_m^t(X_2) C_m(X_2) \cdot C_m^t(X_1). \text{ From theorem (8.1) we also have,}$$

$$C_m(X_i) = [C_m^t([L_i]_f) C_m([L_i]_f)]^{-1/2} \cdot C_m^t([L_i]_f) = \frac{g(V_{L_i})}{\|g(V_{L_i})\|_2} = \varepsilon \frac{\tilde{x}_i^t}{\tilde{x}_i}, \varepsilon = \pm 1, i = 1, 2$$

Thus,

$$\det[X_1 X_2^t X_2 X_1^t] = \tilde{x}_1^t \tilde{x}_2 \tilde{x}_2^t \tilde{x}_1 = \{ \langle \tilde{x}_1, \tilde{x}_2 \rangle \}^2, \text{ given that}$$

$$(\det[X_1 X_2^t X_2 X_1^t])^{1/2} = |\langle \tilde{x}_1, \tilde{x}_2 \rangle|, \text{ then}$$

$$(i) \arccos (\det[X_1 X_2^t X_2 X_1^t])^{1/2} = \arccos |\langle \tilde{x}_1, \tilde{x}_2 \rangle|, \text{ or}$$

$$\ell(V_{L_1}, V_{L_2}) = \chi(V_{L_1}, V_{L_2})$$

$$(ii) \sin\{\chi(V_{L_1}, V_{L_2})\} = \sin \ell(V_{L_1}, V_{L_2}) = d_\ell(V_{L_1}, V_{L_2})$$

□

Remark (8.4): When  $m=n$  this angle metric is suitable for the perturbation analysis for the generalised eigenvalue-eigenvector problem. □

#### 8.4 The chordal distance and perturbation results

In the study of sensitivity of eigenvalues a standard metric (expressing distance between eigenvalues (finite and infinite)) is used, that is the chordal-distance, between points of the Riemann sphere. Because of its importance in the perturbation theory, a proper treatment of this distance is given first and some new properties are established. Using the chordal distance and some ideas from the work of Stewart [Ste. -1] a new perturbation result for a single eigenvalue of a regular pair is derived.

The formula expressing the coordinates of the point  $A(z)$  of the Riemann sphere, in terms of the coordinates of the point  $z$  of the plane is examined first.



Proposition (8.4): The point  $z = x + jy$  under stereographic projection corresponds to the point  $A(z)$ , of the sphere  $\xi^2 + \eta^2 + (\zeta - 1/2)^2 = 1/4$ , with coordinates,  $\xi = 1/2 \cdot x|z|/1+|z|^2$ ,  $\eta = 1/2 \cdot y|z|/1+|z|^2$ ,  $\zeta = |z|^2/1+|z|^2$

Proof

Since the projection of the point  $A$  lies on the line  $OZ$  then,  $\xi = \lambda x$ ,  $\eta = \lambda y$ , where  $\lambda$  is some real constant. We shall find  $\zeta$  in terms of  $|z|$ .

Let's consider the cross section of the sphere cut by the plane passing through the points,  $O$ ,  $P$  and  $Z$  (Fig. 8.1).

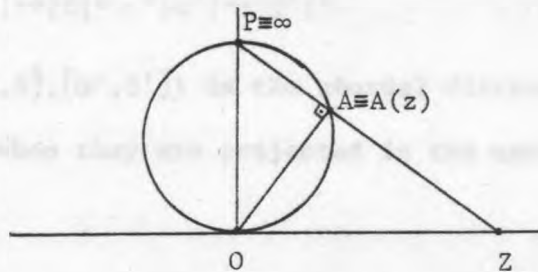


Figure (8.1)

The right triangles  $OPZ$  and  $OAZ$  are similar, the altitude of the triangle  $OAZ$  is equal to  $\zeta$  and its hypotenuse is  $|z|$ . The segment  $OA$  is a leg of the triangle  $OAZ$  and the altitude of the triangle  $OPZ$ .

From the similarity of the triangles  $OPZ$  and  $OAZ$  we have

$$\zeta/\overline{OA} = \overline{OA}/\overline{OP}, \quad \zeta/\overline{OZ} = \overline{OA}/\overline{PZ}, \quad \overline{OZ} = |z|, \quad \overline{OP} = 1, \quad \overline{PZ} = \sqrt{1+|z|^2} \quad (8.17)$$

from which we find  $\zeta = |z|^2/1+|z|^2$ .

With the aid of the equation of the sphere it is easy to determine the value of  $\lambda = 1/2 \cdot |z|/1+|z|^2$  and after that that  $\xi$  and  $\eta$ . □

Remark (8.5): We denote the distance between the points  $A(s)$  and  $A(s')$  by  $K(s, s')$ . With the aid of the formula of the previous proposition we can easily show that:

$$K(s, s') = |s - s'| / \sqrt{1 + |s|^2} \cdot \sqrt{1 + |s'|^2}, \quad K(s, \infty) = 1 / \sqrt{1 + |s|^2} \quad (8.18)$$

The quantity  $K(s, s')$  is called the chordal distance between the points  $s$  and  $s'$ . In order to define a distance, which is suitable without making any distinction between finite and infinite eigenvalues, we shall identify the eigenvalue  $s = \alpha/\beta$  with the point in the projective complex line defined by:

$$[\alpha, \beta] \triangleq \{(\alpha, \beta) \neq (0, 0) : \alpha/\beta = s\} \quad (8.19)$$

Also we define on the projective complex line the metric  $K$  defined by:

$$\begin{aligned} \forall s = \alpha/\beta, s' = \alpha'/\beta' \Rightarrow K([\alpha, \beta], [\alpha', \beta']) &= K(\alpha/\beta, \alpha'/\beta') = \\ &= |\alpha\beta' - \alpha'\beta| / \sqrt{|\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2} \cdot \sqrt{|\alpha'|^2 + |\beta'|^2} \end{aligned} \quad (8.20)$$

So the number  $K([\alpha, \beta], [\alpha', \beta'])$  is the chordal distance between the points  $s = \alpha/\beta$ ,  $s' = \alpha'/\beta'$  when they are projected in the usual way onto the Riemann sphere. □

Proposition (8.5): For any two points  $s, s' \in \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  we have that

$$K(s, s') = K(1/s, 1/s').$$

Proof

Let  $s = \alpha/\beta$ ,  $s' = \alpha'/\beta'$  then:

$$K(s, s') = K([\alpha, \beta], [\alpha', \beta']) = |\alpha\beta' - \alpha'\beta| / \sqrt{|\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2} \cdot \sqrt{|\alpha'|^2 + |\beta'|^2} \quad (8.21)$$

$$K(1/s, 1/s') = K([\beta, \alpha], [\beta', \alpha']) = |\beta\alpha' - \alpha\beta'| / \sqrt{|\beta|^2 + |\alpha|^2} \cdot \sqrt{|\beta'|^2 + |\alpha'|^2} \quad (8.22)$$

So from (8.21), (8.22) we have  $K(s, s') = K(1/s, 1/s')$  □

Proposition (8.6):  $K$  is invariant under orthogonal bilinear transformation.

Proof

We have to prove that, if

$$\begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c & -d \\ d & c \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\alpha} \\ \hat{\beta} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} \alpha' \\ \beta' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c & -d \\ d & c \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\alpha}' \\ \hat{\beta}' \end{bmatrix}, \quad c, d \in \mathbb{R}, c^2 + d^2 = 1 \quad (8.23)$$

then  $K([\alpha, \beta], [\alpha', \beta']) = K([\hat{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}], [\hat{\alpha}', \hat{\beta}'])$ .

From (8.23) we have:  $\alpha = c\hat{\alpha} - d\hat{\beta}$ ,  $\beta = d\hat{\alpha} + c\hat{\beta}$ ,  $\alpha' = c\hat{\alpha}' - d\hat{\beta}'$ ,  $\beta' = d\hat{\alpha}' + c\hat{\beta}'$ , so

$$K([\alpha, \beta], [\alpha', \beta']) = \frac{(c\hat{\alpha} - d\hat{\beta})(d\hat{\alpha}' + c\hat{\beta}') - (c\hat{\alpha}' - d\hat{\beta}')(d\hat{\alpha} + c\hat{\beta})}{\sqrt{|c\hat{\alpha} - d\hat{\beta}|^2 + |d\hat{\alpha} + c\hat{\beta}|^2} \cdot \sqrt{|c\hat{\alpha}' - d\hat{\beta}'|^2 + |d\hat{\alpha}' + c\hat{\beta}'|^2}} \quad (8.)$$

The numerator of (8.24) after some simplifications can be written as

$$c^2(\hat{\alpha}\hat{\beta}' - \hat{\alpha}'\hat{\beta}) + d^2(\hat{\alpha}\hat{\beta}' - \hat{\alpha}'\hat{\beta}) = \hat{\alpha}\hat{\beta}' - \hat{\alpha}'\hat{\beta} \quad (8.25)$$

$$\text{Also, it is known that } \forall Z_1, Z_2 \in \mathbb{C} \Rightarrow |Z_1 \pm Z_2|^2 = |Z_1|^2 + |Z_2|^2 \pm 2\operatorname{Re}(Z_1 Z_2) \quad (8.26)$$

by using (8.26) the first term of the denominator of (8.24) can be written as

$$|c\hat{\alpha} - d\hat{\beta}|^2 + |d\hat{\alpha} + c\hat{\beta}|^2 = c^2|\hat{\alpha}|^2 + d^2|\hat{\beta}|^2 - 2\operatorname{Re}(cd\hat{\alpha}\hat{\beta}) + d^2|\hat{\alpha}|^2 + c^2|\hat{\beta}|^2 + 2\operatorname{Re}(dc\hat{\alpha}\hat{\beta}) = |\hat{\alpha}|^2 + |\hat{\beta}|^2.$$

$$\text{Also } |c\hat{\alpha}' - d\hat{\beta}'|^2 + |d\hat{\alpha}' + c\hat{\beta}'|^2 = |\hat{\alpha}'|^2 + |\hat{\beta}'|^2, \text{ thus}$$

$$K([\alpha, \beta], [\alpha', \beta']) = K([\hat{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}], [\hat{\alpha}', \hat{\beta}']). \quad \square$$

Next we derive a result for the sensitivity of a single eigenvalue of a regular pair  $(F, G)$ . This result is based on the work by Stewart [Ste. -1] and provides a strong perturbation bound for the eigenvalues.

Let  $F, G \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  such that the pencil  $sF - G$  is regular. Let  $s_0$  be a single eigenvalue (multiplicity one) with  $\underline{x}_0$  and  $\underline{y}_0^t$  normalised ( $\|\underline{x}_0\|_2 = \|\underline{y}_0^t\|_2 = 1$ ) right and left eigenvectors correspondingly, then  $(s_0 F - G)\underline{x}_0 = 0$  and  $\underline{y}_0^t(s_0 F - G) = 0$ . Also  $s_0(\underline{y}_0^t F \underline{x}_0) = \underline{y}_0^t G \underline{x}_0$  and if we put  $\underline{y}_0^t G \underline{x}_0 = \alpha$ ,  $\underline{y}_0^t F \underline{x}_0 = \beta$  the point  $s_0 = \alpha/\beta$  can be identified with the point  $[\alpha, \beta]$  of the projective line.

Proposition (8.7) [Ste. -1]: Let the regular pair  $(F, G) \in L_{n,n}^{\mathcal{H}}$ . Let  $s_0 = \alpha/\beta$  be a single eigenvalue for the pair  $(F, G)$  with  $\underline{x}_0$ ,  $\underline{y}_0^t$  normalised right and left eigenvectors correspondingly. For sufficiently small  $G', F' \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  there is an eigenvalue  $s'_0$  for the pair  $(F + F', -(G + G'))$  that can be identified with the point  $[\alpha + \underline{y}_0^t F' \underline{x}_0, \beta + \underline{y}_0^t G' \underline{x}_0]$  of the projective line, except for terms of order  $\|F'\|_2^2, \|G'\|_2^2$ . □

Remark (8.6): According to this result, the sensitivity of  $s_0$  to perturbations in  $G$  and  $F$  will be measured in terms of the chordal distance by:

$$d(s_0, s'_0) \cong K([\alpha, \beta], [\alpha + y_0^t F' x_0, \beta + y_0^t G' x_0]) =$$

$$= |\alpha y_0^t G' x_0 - \beta y_0^t F' x_0| / \sqrt{|\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2} \cdot \sqrt{|\alpha + y_0^t F' x_0|^2 + |\beta + y_0^t G' x_0|^2} \quad (8.27)$$

□

By using the previous definitions, remarks and propositions we can state the following proposition.

Proposition (8.8): Let the regular pair  $(F, G) \in L_{n,n}^h$ . Let  $s_0 = \alpha/\beta$  be a single eigenvalue for the pair  $(F, G)$  with  $x_0, y_0^t$  normalized right and left eigenvectors correspondingly. Then for sufficiently small  $F', G' \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is an eigenvalue  $s'_0$  for the pair  $(F+F', -(G+G'))$  such that

$$d(s_0, s'_0) \leq A \sin \theta + B \cos \theta / \nu - E, \text{ where } \theta = \tan^{-1} |\alpha/\beta|, A = |y_0^t G' x_0|, B = |y_0^t F' x_0|,$$

$$\nu = \sqrt{|\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2} \text{ and } E = \sqrt{B^2 + A^2}.$$

#### Proof

From (8.27) we can take,

$$d(s_0, s'_0) \leq |\alpha| \cdot |y_0^t G' x_0| + |\beta| \cdot |y_0^t F' x_0| / \sqrt{|\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2} \cdot \sqrt{|\alpha + y_0^t F' x_0|^2 + |\beta + y_0^t G' x_0|^2} \quad (8.28)$$

If we put  $\theta = \tan^{-1} |\alpha/\beta|$ ,  $\nu = \sqrt{|\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2}$ ,  $A = |y_0^t G' x_0|$ ,  $B = |y_0^t F' x_0|$ , and  $E = \sqrt{B^2 + A^2}$ , then we can easily seen that  $\sin \theta = |\alpha|/\nu$ ,  $\cos \theta = |\beta|/\nu$  and (8.28) becomes

$$d(s_0, s'_0) \leq \nu \sin \theta A + \nu \cos \theta B / \nu \cdot \sqrt{|\alpha+B|^2 + |\beta+A|^2} = A \sin \theta + B \cos \theta / \sqrt{|\alpha+B|^2 + |\beta+A|^2} \quad (8.29)$$

By using the inequality,

$$\sqrt{|\alpha+B|^2 + |\beta+A|^2} \geq \sqrt{|\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2} - \sqrt{B^2 + A^2}, \quad (A, B \geq 0) \quad (8.30)$$

(8.29) gives:

$$d(s_0, s'_0) \leq A \sin \theta + B \cos \theta / \nu - E \quad (8.31)$$

□



Remark (8.7): This last inequality in the framework of numerical analysis, says that  $1/\nu$  is a condition number for the eigenvalue  $s_0$ .  $\square$

Remark (8.8): In the case  $\theta = 0$ , then  $\sin \theta = 0$  and  $\alpha = 0$  or equivalently  $s_0 = 0$ . Thus the matrix  $G$  is singular; the disappearance of the term  $A \sin \theta$  in (8.31) says that perturbations in  $F$  cannot affect the singularity of  $G$ .  $\square$

### 8.5 Relationships between $\Phi$ -(F,G)-e.d.s., deflating subspaces and perturbation results for entirely right regular pairs (F,G)

In the study of perturbation theory of the generalised eigenvalue-eigenvector problem defined on an entirely regular pair  $(F,G) \in L_{n,n}^{\mathcal{H}}$  a key notion has emerged, the notion of the deflating subspace introduced by Stewart [Ste. -2]. The aim of this section is to establish the links between the invariant subspaces, introduced in the previous chapters and the notion of deflating subspaces. By doing that, the perturbation results established by Stewart for this case may be transferred to the invariant subspaces which have been defined in chapter (7).

Definition (8.7) [Ste. -2]: Let  $(F,G) \in L_{n,n}^{\mathcal{H}}$  and  $V$  be a  $d$ -dimensional subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .  $V$  is a deflating subspace for  $(F,G)$  iff  $\dim(FV + GV) \leq \dim V = d$ .  $\square$

Before we examine the exact relationship of a deflating subspace and the invariant subspaces defined before we state the following result.

Proposition (8.9): Let  $(F,G) \in L_{n,n}^{\mathcal{H}}$  and  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a  $d$ -dimensional subspace. The restriction pencil  $(F,G)/V$  has no c.m.i. in its set  $I_V$  of strict equivalence invariants.

#### Proof

Let  $(sF - G)V$ ,  $V$  a basis matrix of  $V$ , and let  $N_{\mathcal{H}}\{sFV - GV\} \neq \{0\}$ . Then,  $\exists \underline{v}(s) \in \mathbb{R}^n[s]$ ,  $\underline{v}(s) \neq 0$ , such that  $(sF - G)V \underline{v}(s) = \underline{0}$ . Define  $\underline{x}(s) = V \underline{v}(s)$ ;

since  $V$  has full rank and  $\underline{v}(s) \neq \underline{0}$ , then  $(sF-G)\underline{x}(s) = \underline{0}$  and thus  $sF-G$  is singular, Q.E.D.  $\square$

From the above result, it is clear that  $I_V$  may contain f.e.d., i.e.d. and r.m.i. This observation will be used next.

**Theorem (8.2):** Let  $(F,G) \in L_{n,n}^R$  and let  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a  $d$ -dimensional subspace.  $V$  is a deflating subspace iff  $V$  is a  $\Phi$ -( $F,G$ )-e.d.s. (i.e.  $I_V$  is characterized by e.d. and possibly zero r.m.i.).

### Proof

First note that  $\dim(FV+GV) = \text{rank}_R [FV, GV]$ , where  $V$  is any basis matrix of  $V$ . Clearly, if  $R \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $|R| \neq 0$ , then  $\text{rank}_R [RFV, RGV] = \text{rank}_R [FV, GV]$ . We can always choose a special basis  $\tilde{V}$  and an  $R$  such that  $(RF\tilde{V}, RG\tilde{V})$  is in the Kronecker form.

By proposition (8.9), the possible set of invariants are e.d. and r.m.i. The typical blocks in  $(RF\tilde{V}, RG\tilde{V})$  are:

$$RF\tilde{V} = \begin{bmatrix} 0_t & & \\ \begin{bmatrix} I_\zeta \\ \underline{0}^t \end{bmatrix} & & 0 \\ & I_\tau & \\ 0 & & H_q \end{bmatrix}, \quad RG\tilde{V} = \begin{bmatrix} 0_t & & \\ \begin{bmatrix} \underline{0}^t \\ I_\zeta \end{bmatrix} & & 0 \\ & J_\tau(\alpha) & \\ 0 & & I_q \end{bmatrix} \quad (8.32)$$

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where  $\left( \begin{bmatrix} I_\zeta \\ \underline{0}^t \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \underline{0}^t \\ I_\zeta \end{bmatrix} \right)$ ,  $(I_\tau, J_\tau(\alpha))$ ,  $(H_q, I_q)$  are typical blocks associated

with a r.m.i.  $\zeta, \alpha$  f.e.d.  $(s-\alpha)^\tau$  and an i.e.d.  $\hat{s}^q$ .

Because of the block diagonal structure in (8.32) the independent columns in  $[RF\tilde{V}, RG\tilde{V}]$  may be found block by block. Thus, by inspection:

(i)  $\begin{bmatrix} I_\zeta & \vdots & \underline{0}^t \\ \underline{0}^t & \vdots & I_\zeta \end{bmatrix}$  has  $\zeta+1$  independent columns for  $\forall \zeta \in \mathbb{N}$ .

(ii)  $\begin{bmatrix} I_\tau & \vdots & J_\tau(\alpha) \end{bmatrix}$  has  $\tau$  independent columns for  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\tau \in \mathbb{N}$ .

(iii)  $\begin{bmatrix} H_q & \vdots & I_q \end{bmatrix}$  has  $q$  independent columns for  $\forall q \in \mathbb{N}$ .

and the rank of  $[RFV, RG\tilde{V}] = \text{rank}[FV, GV]$  is equal to  $\dim(FV+GV)$ , where

$$\dim(FV+GV) = \sum_{i=1}^t (\zeta_i+1) + \sum_{i=1}^p \tau_i + \sum_{i=1}^{\mu} q_i \quad (8.33)$$

However,

$$d = \dim V = \sum_{i=1}^t \zeta_i + \sum_{i=1}^p \tau_i + \sum_{i=1}^{\mu} q_i \quad (8.34)$$

By (8.33) and (8.34) we have that

$$\dim(FV+GV) \geq \dim V = d \quad (8.35)$$

and equality holds if and only if there are no non zero r.m.i. in  $\mathcal{I}_V$  (zero r.m.i. do not affect the above inequality).

Now if  $V$  is deflating, then for  $\dim(FV+GV) = d$  all r.m.i. must be zero and thus  $V$  is a  $\Phi$ -(F,G)-e.d.s. Conversely, if  $V$  is  $\Phi$ -(F,G)-e.d.s., then all  $\zeta_i$  are zero and (8.35) holds with equality, i.e.  $V$  is deflating subspace.  $\square$

Remark (8.9): Let  $(F,G) \in L_{n,n}^h$  and  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a  $d$ -dimensional subspace. Then

$$\dim(FV+GV) \geq \dim V = d \quad (8.36)$$

equality holds true iff  $V$  is a  $\Phi$ -(F,G)-e.d.s.  $\square$

The above remark demonstrates that in the definition of deflating subspaces given by Stewart the equality sign should be used instead of " $\leq$ ", since there is no subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  for which strict inequality of the "<" holds true.

Given that deflating subspaces of an e.r. pair  $(F, G)$  may be also expressed for  $\Phi$ -( $F, G$ )-e.d.s. Thus, following the results of Stewarts [Ste. -2] we may state:

Proposition (8.10): Let  $V$  be a  $\Phi$ -( $F, G$ )-e.d.s. Then there are orthogonal matrices  $K$  and  $L$  such that the first  $d$  columns of  $L$  span  $V$  and

$$K^t GL = \begin{bmatrix} G_{11} & G_{12} \\ 0 & G_{22} \end{bmatrix}, \quad K^t FL = \begin{bmatrix} F_{11} & F_{12} \\ 0 & F_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $G_{11}$  and  $F_{11}$  are  $d \times d$  matrices.

Proof

Let  $L = [L_1; L_2]$ , where  $L_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$  with orthonormal columns such that  $\text{colspan } L_1 = V$  and  $L_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times (n-d)}$  such that  $L = [L_1; L_2]$  be orthogonal. Also, let  $K_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times (n-d)}$  have orthonormal columns lying in the orthogonal complement of  $FV + GV$  ( $(FV + GV)^\perp$ ) and  $K_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$  be chosen such that  $K = [K_1; K_2]$  is orthogonal.

Since  $\text{colspan } L_1 = V \Rightarrow \text{colspan}(GL_1) \subseteq GV \subseteq FV + GV$  and because  $K_2$  is lying in the orthogonal complement of  $FV + GV$  we have that  $K_2^t(GL_1) = 0$ . Following the same arguments we have that  $K_2^t(FL_1) = 0$ .

So,

$$K^t GL = \begin{bmatrix} K_1^t \\ K_2^t \end{bmatrix} G[L_1; L_2] = \begin{bmatrix} K_1^t GL_1 & K_1^t GL_2 \\ K_2^t GL_1 & K_2^t GL_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} G_{11} & G_{12} \\ 0 & G_{22} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and}$$

$$K^t FL = \begin{bmatrix} F_{11} & F_{12} \\ 0 & F_{22} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{thus } K^t(sF - G)L = s \begin{bmatrix} F_{11} & F_{12} \\ 0 & F_{22} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} G_{11} & G_{12} \\ 0 & G_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

□

Also if  $\lambda \in \sigma(F_{11}, G_{11})$  with corresponding eigenvector  $\underline{z}$ , then  $\lambda \in \sigma(F, G)$  with corresponding eigenvector  $L_1 \underline{z} \in V$ .

□



Next we shall define an operator which plays an important role in deriving the error bounds in the perturbation analysis discussed next.

Definition (8.8) ([Ste. -2], [Kato. -1]): Let  $G_1, F_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{\ell \times \ell}$  and  $G_2, F_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  are fixed matrices. For any  $X = \begin{bmatrix} P \\ Q \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times 2\ell}$ ,  $P, Q \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times \ell}$  we define the operator  $T$  on  $\mathbb{R}^{m \times 2\ell}$  as follows:

$$T: \mathbb{R}^{m \times 2\ell} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m \times 2\ell}: \forall X = \begin{bmatrix} P \\ Q \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times 2\ell} \rightarrow T(X) \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} PG_1 - G_2Q \\ PF_1 - F_2Q \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times 2\ell} \quad (8.37)$$

□

Lemma (8.1): The operator  $T$  is linear.

Proof

Let  $X_1 = \begin{bmatrix} P_1 \\ Q_1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $X_2 = \begin{bmatrix} P_2 \\ Q_2 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times 2\ell}$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ , then  
 $\lambda X_1 + X_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda P_1 + P_2 \\ \lambda Q_1 + Q_2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $T(\lambda X_1 + X_2) =$   
 $= \begin{bmatrix} (\lambda P_1 + P_2)G_1 - G_2(\lambda Q_1 + Q_2) \\ (\lambda P_1 + P_2)F_1 - F_2(\lambda Q_1 + Q_2) \end{bmatrix} =$   
 $= \begin{bmatrix} \lambda(P_1G_1 - G_2Q_1) + P_2G_1 - G_2Q_2 \\ \lambda(P_1F_1 - F_2Q_1) + P_2F_1 - F_2Q_2 \end{bmatrix} =$   
 $= \lambda \begin{bmatrix} P_1G_1 - G_2Q_1 \\ P_1F_1 - F_2Q_1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} P_2G_1 - G_2Q_2 \\ P_2F_1 - F_2Q_2 \end{bmatrix} = \lambda T(X_1) + T(X_2)$ , so  $T$  is linear.

□

Lemma (8.2) [Ste. -2]: The operator  $T$  is non singular if and only if:

$$\sigma(F_1, G_1) \cap \sigma(F_2, G_2) = \emptyset \quad (8.38)$$

(The spectrum above is defined on the associated pencils  $sF_1 - G_1$ ,  $sF_2 - G_2$  in the usual maner).

Remark (8.10):  $T$  is non singular is equivalent that,

$\forall \begin{bmatrix} R \\ S \end{bmatrix} = Y \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times 2\ell} \exists X = \begin{bmatrix} P \\ Q \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times 2\ell}$  such that:

$$T(X) = Y \iff (PG_1 - G_2Q = R \text{ and } PF_1 - F_2Q = S) \quad (8.39)$$

□

Later on we shall need estimates of the size of the solutions of (8.40).

In order to do this we define two norms on  $\mathbb{R}^{m \times 2\ell}$  as follows:

Definition (8.9) [Ste. -2]:  $\forall R = [P; Q] \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times 2\ell}$ , where  $P, Q \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times \ell}$  we define

$$\|R\|_2' = \max\{\|P\|_2, \|Q\|_2\} \text{ and } \|R\|_F' = \max\{\|P\|_F, \|Q\|_F\} \quad (8.40)$$

We can easily see that  $\|R\|_2', \|R\|_F'$  are norms on  $\mathbb{R}^{m \times 2\ell}$ .

As we have seen before the operator  $T$  is determined by the fixed matrices  $F_1, G_1, F_2, G_2$ . Let

$$\text{dif}(F_1, G_1; F_2, G_2) \triangleq \inf_{\|X\|_F' = 1} T(X) \|X\|_F' \quad (8.41)$$

Then  $\text{dif}(F_1, G_1; F_2, G_2) = 0$  iff  $T$  non singular, that is, if and only if

$$\sigma(F_1, G_1) \cap \sigma(F_2, G_2) = \emptyset \quad [\text{Ste. -2}].$$

Also if  $T$  is non singular and  $T(X) = Y$ , then

$$\|X\|_F' \leq \|Y\|_F' / \text{dif}(F_1, G_1; F_2, G_2) \quad (8.42)$$

The topic examined next is the study of perturbation properties of  $\Phi$ -(F,G)-e.d.s., when there is uncertainty in the parameters of the pair (F,G). The following analysis is based on the work of Stewart for deflating subspaces.

Let  $L = [L_1; L_2]$  and  $K = [K_1; K_2]$  be orthogonal matrices with  $L_1, K_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times \ell}$ . Then if  $F_{21} = K_2^t F L_1 = 0$  and  $G_{21} = K_2^t G L_1 = 0$ , the columns of  $L_1$  span an  $\Phi$ -(F,G)-e.d.s. for  $sF-G$ . If  $F_{21}$  and  $G_{21}$  are small but not exactly zero, it is reasonable to ask whether there exist orthogonal matrices  $K' = [K_1'; K_2']$  and  $L' = [L_1'; L_2']$  near  $K$  and  $L$  respectively, such that  $K_2'^t F L_1' = K_2'^t G L_1' = 0$ . We select  $K' = [K_1'; K_2'] \in S([K_1; K_2])$  and  $L' = [L_1'; L_2'] \in S([L_1; L_2])$  in the form

$$K_1' = (K_1 + K_2 P)(I + P^t P)^{-1/2}, \quad K_2' = (K_2 - K_1 P^t)(I + P P^t)^{-1/2} \quad (8.43)$$

$$L_1' = (L_1 + L_2 Q)(I + Q^t Q)^{-1/2}, \quad L_2' = (L_2 - L_1 Q^t)(I + Q Q^t)^{-1/2}$$

where  $P, Q \in \mathbb{R}^{(n-\ell) \times \ell}$ . It is easy shown that  $K', L'$  are orthogonal.

By setting  $G_{ij} = K_i^t G L_j$ ,  $F_{ij} = K_i^t F L_j$ ,  $\forall i, j = 1, 2$ , then conditions  $K_2'^t F L_1' = K_2'^t G L_1' = 0$  leads to the following system.

$$\{PG_{11}-G_{22}Q=G_{21}-PG_{12}Q, \quad PF_{11}-F_{22}Q=F_{21}-PF_{21}Q\} \quad (8.44)$$

If we define as before  $T([P; Q]) = [PG_{11}-G_{22}Q; PF_{11}-F_{22}Q]$  the system (8.44) becomes:

$$T([P; Q]) = [G_{21}-PG_{12}Q; F_{21}-PF_{12}Q] \quad (8.45)$$

Thus the problem of perturbing  $K, L$  into the (deflating) matrices  $(K', L')$  is reduced to the following equivalent problem, determine under what conditions the non linear equation (8.45) has a solution. Such conditions are given next.

Proposition (8.11) [Stew. -2]: Let  $K = [K_1; K_2]$ ,  $L = [L_1; L_2]$  be orthogonal matrices with  $K_1, L_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times \ell}$ . Let also  $G_{ij}, F_{ij}$  be defined as before. Let us also define:

$$\gamma = \|[G_{21}; F_{21}]\|_F, \quad \eta = \|[G_{12}^t; F_{12}^t]\|_2, \quad \delta = \text{dif}(F_{11}, G_{11}; F_{22}, G_{22}) \quad (8.46)$$

If  $k_1 \triangleq \gamma/\phi^2 < 1/4$ , then there are orthogonal matrices  $P, Q \in \mathbb{R}^{(n-\ell) \times \ell}$  satisfying  $\|[P; Q]\|_F \leq \gamma/\delta \cdot (1+k) = \gamma/\delta \cdot (1+\sqrt{1-4k_1})/(1-2k_1+\sqrt{1-4k_1}) < 2\gamma/\delta$ , such that  $\text{colspan}(L_1+L_2Q)$  is a deflating and thus a  $\Phi$ -( $F, G$ )-e.d.s. for the regular pencil  $sF-G$ . □

Proposition (8.12): If  $F_1, G_1, E_1, E_1' \in \mathbb{R}^{\ell \times \ell}$ ,  $F_2, G_2, E_2, E_2' \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ , then  $\text{dif}(G_1+E_1, F_1+E_1'; G_2+E_2, F_2+E_2') \geq \text{dif}(G_1, F_1; G_2, F_2) - \max\{\|E_1\|_2 + \|E_2\|_2; \|E_1'\|_2 + \|E_2'\|_2\}$ .

### Proof

By definition,  $\text{dif}(G_1+E_1, F_1+E_1'; G_2+E_2, F_2+E_2') =$   
 $= \inf_{\|[P; Q]\|_F=1} \|[P(G_1+E_1)-(G_2+E_2)Q, P(F_1+E_1')-(F_2+E_2')Q]\|_F$

Let the infimum be obtained for  $X = [P; Q]$ , then  $\|P\|_F, \|Q\|_F \leq 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{Hence } \text{dif}(G_1+E_1, F_1+E'_1; G_2+E_2, F_2+E'_2) = \|[P(G_1+E_1)-(G_2+E_2)Q, P(F_1+E'_1)-(F_2+E'_2)Q]\|_F' = \\
& = \max\{\|P(G_1+E_1)-(G_2+E_2)Q\|_F, \|P(F_1+E'_1)-(F_2+E'_2)Q\|_F\} \geq \\
& \geq \max\{\|PG_1-G_2Q\|_F - \|E_1\|_2 - \|E_2\|_2, \|PF_1-F_2Q\|_F - \|E'_1\|_2 - \|E'_2\|_2\} \geq \\
& \geq \max\{\|PG_1-G_2Q\|_F, \|PF_1-F_2Q\|_F\} - \max\{\|E_1\|_2 + \|E_2\|_2, \|E'_1\|_2 + \|E'_2\|_2\} \geq \\
& \geq \text{dif}(G_1, F_1; G_2, F_2) - \max\{\|E_1\|_2 + \|E_2\|_2, \|E'_1\|_2 + \|E'_2\|_2\}. \quad \square
\end{aligned}$$

The question that arises is to investigate whether there exists a  $V'$   $\Phi$ -( $F', G'$ )-e.d.s. of the perturbed pair  $(F', G') = (F+E_1, G+E'_1)$  which is close to  $V$ . Of course the essential question is how close such a subspace may be found with respect to the given perturbation  $(E_1, E'_1)$ . The answer to this is given next.

Theorem (8.3): Let  $K = [K_1; K_2]$ ,  $L = [L_1; L_2]$  be orthogonal matrices with  $K_1, L_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times \ell}$ ,  $G_{ij} = K_i^t G L_j$ ,  $F_{ij} = K_i^t F L_j$   $\forall i, j = 1, 2$  and suppose that  $G_{21} = F_{21} = 0$ . (in that case  $V = \text{colspan } L_1$  is an  $\Phi$ -( $F, G$ )-e.d.s. of the pair  $(F, G)$ ). Assume that  $E_1, E'_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  and  $E_{ij} = K_i^t E'_1 L_j$ ,  $E_{ij} = K_i^t E_1 L_j$   $\forall i, j = 1, 2$ ,

$$\varepsilon_{ij} = \max\{\|E'_{ij}\|_F, \|E_{ij}\|_F\}.$$

Let us also assume that  $\gamma = \varepsilon_{21}$ ,  $\eta = \|[G_{12}^t; F_{12}^t]\|_2' + \varepsilon_{12}$ ,  $\delta = \text{dif}(G_{11}, F_{11}; G_{22}, F_{22}) - \varepsilon_{11} - \varepsilon_{12}$ . If  $\gamma\eta/\delta^2 < 1/4$  then, there are matrices  $P, Q \in \mathbb{R}^{(n-\ell) \times \ell}$  satisfying  $\|[P; Q]\|_F' \leq 2\gamma/\delta$  such that  $\text{colspan } (L_1 + L_2 Q)$  is a  $\Phi$ -( $F, G$ )-e.d.s. for  $s(F+E_1)-(G+E'_1)$ .

### Proof

We will give the proof by using the previous proposition to the problem stated on  $s(F+E_1)-(G+E'_1)$ . If we now denote by  $\tilde{G}_{ij}, \tilde{F}_{ij}$  it has been denoted by  $G_{ij}, F_{ij}$  in the proposition (8.11), then

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \tilde{G}_{ij} &= K_i^t (G+E'_1) L_j = K_i^t G L_j + K_i^t E'_1 L_j = G_{ij} + E'_{ij} \\ \tilde{F}_{ij} &= K_i^t (F+E_1) L_j = K_i^t F L_j + K_i^t E_1 L_j = F_{ij} + E_{ij} \end{aligned} \right\} i, j = 1, 2 \quad (8.47)$$



$$\begin{aligned}
\text{So } \tilde{G}_{21} &= G_{21} + E'_{21} = E'_{21}, \quad \tilde{F}_{21} = F_{21} + E_{21} = E_{21} \text{ and } \tilde{\gamma} = \|\tilde{G}_{21} \begin{smallmatrix} \vdots \\ \tilde{F}_{21} \end{smallmatrix}\|_F = \\
&= \|\begin{smallmatrix} E'_{21} \\ \vdots \\ E_{21} \end{smallmatrix}\|_F = \max\{\|E'_{21}\|_F, \|E_{21}\|_F\} = \varepsilon_{21}. \text{ Also } \tilde{\eta} = \|\tilde{G}_{12}^t \begin{smallmatrix} \vdots \\ \tilde{F}_{12}^t \end{smallmatrix}\|_2 = \\
&= \max\{\|\tilde{G}_{12}^t\|_2, \|\tilde{F}_{12}^t\|_2\} = \max\{\|G_{12}^t + E'_{12}{}^t\|_2, \|F_{12}^t + E_{12}{}^t\|_2\} \leq \\
&\leq \max\{\|G_{12}^t\|_2 + \|E'_{12}{}^t\|_2, \|F_{12}^t\|_2 + \|E_{12}{}^t\|_2\} \leq \max\{\|G_{12}^t\|_2 + \|E'_{12}\|_F, \|F_{12}^t\|_2 + \|E_{12}\|_F\} \leq \\
&\leq \max\{\|G_{12}^t\|_2, \|F_{12}^t\|_2\} + \max\{\|E'_{12}\|_F, \|E_{12}\|_F\} = \|\begin{smallmatrix} G_{12}^t \\ \vdots \\ F_{12}^t \end{smallmatrix}\|_2 + \varepsilon_{12} \\
\tilde{\delta} &= \text{dif}(\tilde{F}_{11}, \tilde{G}_{11}; \tilde{F}_{22}, \tilde{G}_{22}) = \text{dif}(F_{11} + E_{11}, G_{11} + E'_{11}; F_{22} + E_{22}, G_{22} + E'_{22}) \geq \\
&\geq \text{dif}(G_{11}, F_{11}; G_{22}, F_{22}) - \max\{\|E_{11}\|_2 + \|E_{22}\|_2; \|E'_{11}\|_2 + \|E'_{22}\|_2\} \geq \\
&\geq \text{dif}(G_{11}, F_{11}; G_{22}, F_{22}) - \max\{\|E_{11}\|_2, \|E'_{11}\|_2\} - \max\{\|E_{22}\|_2, \|E'_{22}\|_2\} = \\
&= \text{dif}(G_{11}, F_{11}; G_{22}, F_{22}) - \varepsilon_{11} - \varepsilon_{12}.
\end{aligned}$$

If we set now:

$$\begin{aligned}
\gamma &= \varepsilon_{21}, \quad \eta = \|\begin{smallmatrix} G_{12}^t \\ \vdots \\ F_{12}^t \end{smallmatrix}\|_2 + \varepsilon_{12}, \quad \delta = \text{dif}(G_{11}, F_{11}; G_{22}, F_{22}) - \varepsilon_{11} - \varepsilon_{12}, \\
\text{then we have } (\tilde{\gamma} = \gamma, \tilde{\eta} \leq \eta, \tilde{\delta} \geq \delta) &\Rightarrow \tilde{\gamma} \cdot \tilde{\eta} / \tilde{\delta}^2 < \gamma \cdot \eta / \delta^2, \text{ so if we suppose now that} \\
\gamma \cdot \eta / \delta^2 < 1/4 \text{ then } \tilde{\gamma} \cdot \tilde{\eta} / \tilde{\delta}^2 < 1/4 \text{ and the theorem (8.3) is valid for the pencil} \\
s(F + E_1) - (G + E'_1); \text{ that means that there are matrices } P, Q \in \mathbb{R}^{(n-\ell) \times \ell} \text{ such that} \\
\text{the subspace } V' = \text{colspan}(L_1 + L_2 Q) \text{ is a } \Phi\text{-(F,G)\text{-e.d.s. for } } s(F + E_1) - (G + E'_1), \\
\text{which of course is a subspace close to the } \Phi\text{-(F,G)\text{-e.d.s. } } V = \text{colspan } L_1. \\
\text{The closeness can be measured by the gap } (V, V') = \text{gap}(\text{colspan } L_1, \text{colspan} \\
(L_1 + L_2 Q)).
\end{aligned}$$

□

A hint about the possibility of establishing the above result in the case of deflating subspaces was given in [Ste. -2], but no proof was given. The notion of deflating subspaces has been recently extended for general pairs (F,G) by [Van Dor. -3]. The link of this generalised notion of deflating subspaces to the invariant subspaces notions defined in Chapter (7) is still question and it is left to future research.

### 8.6 The space $L_{m,n}$ as topological vector space (T.V.S.)

The formal analysis of the perturbation properties of matrix pencils, implies the need for the definition of topologies on the set of ordered pairs  $(F,G)$ . Of course the main question when searching for topologies is to examine which of them is the most suitable for the study of the particular property of the pair  $(F,G)$  we would like to examine. Another important factor in determining the suitability of a topology is whether it is related to a natural way to the modelling of the "uncertainty" in the set which is under study. This section serves as an introduction to the study of properties of pairs  $(F,G)$  under uncertainty in the parameters of  $(F,G)$ . We introduce two metric topologies, which are related in a rather natural manner to the modelling of uncertainty on  $(F,G)$ ; in fact it is shown, that the set of pairs  $L_{m,n}$  under these two metrics becomes a topological vector space (T.V.S.).

Let  $L_{m,n} = \{L: L = (F,G), F,G \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}\}$ . Under the standard operations of addition of pairs i.e.  $L_1 + L_2 = (F_1, G_1) + (F_2, G_2) \triangleq (F_1 + F_2, G_1 + G_2)$  and scalar multiplication i.e.  $\lambda L = \lambda(F,G) = (\lambda F, \lambda G)$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $L_{m,n}$  becomes an  $\mathbb{R}$ -vector space. It is readily shown that  $L_{m,n}$  under those operations is a finite dimensional vector space.

Definition (8.10): On the set  $L_{m,n}$  we define the functions:

- (i)  $d: L_{m,n} \times L_{m,n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_0^+$ :  $((F,G), (F',G')) \rightarrow d((F,G), (F',G')) \triangleq \|F-F'\| + \|G-G'\|$
- (ii)  $d^*: L_{m,n} \times L_{m,n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_0^+$ :  $((F,G), (F',G')) \rightarrow d^*((F,G), (F',G')) \triangleq \max\{\|F-F'\|, \|G-G'\|\}$

where  $\|\cdot\|$  is any matrix norm. □

Proposition (8.13): The functions  $d, d^*$  defined on  $L_{m,n}$  are metrics.

Proof

We shall prove the result for  $d$ , whereas the proof for  $d^*$  is similar.

In fact,  $d$  is a metric on  $L_{m,n}$  because:

- (i)  $\forall (F,G), (F',G') \in L_{m,n}$  obviously  $d((F,G), (F',G')) \geq 0$  and  
 $d((F,G), (F',G')) = 0 \iff \|F-F'\| + \|G-G'\| = 0 \iff F=F' \text{ and } G=G' \iff$   
 $\iff (F,G) = (F',G')$
- (ii)  $\forall (F,G), (F',G') \in L_{m,n}$  we have  $d((F,G), (F',G')) = \|F-F'\| + \|G-G'\| =$   
 $= \|F'-F\| + \|G'-G\| = d((F',G'), (F,G)).$
- (iii)  $\forall (F,G), (F',G'), (F'',G'') \in L_{m,n}$  we have that  $d((F,G), (F',G')) =$   
 $= \|F-F'\| + \|G-G'\| = \|(F-F'') - (F'-F'')\| + \|(G-G'') - (G'-G'')\| \leq$   
 $\leq \|F-F''\| + \|F'-F''\| + \|G-G''\| + \|G'-G''\| = d((F,G), (F'',G'')) + d((F',G'), (F'',G'')).$

So  $(L_{m,n}; d)$  and  $(L_{m,n}; d^*)$  are metric spaces.  $\square$

By using these metrics, the neighborhoods  $S_d((F,G), \varepsilon)$ ,  $S_{d^*}((F,G), \varepsilon)$   
 $\forall (F,G) \in L_{m,n}$  defined by  $S_d((F,G), \varepsilon) \triangleq \{(F',G') \in L_{m,n} : d((F',G'), (F,G)) < \varepsilon\}$ ,  
 $S_{d^*}((F,G), \varepsilon) \triangleq \{(F',G') \in L_{m,n} : d^*((F',G'), (F,G)) < \varepsilon\}$  form a basis for the  
metric topology on the set  $L_{m,n}$ .

Definition (8.11): A sequence  $L_n = (F_n, G_n) \in (L_{m,n}; d)$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  is said to  
converge in  $(L_{m,n}; d)$  iff there exist  $L = (F, G) \in (L_{m,n}; d)$  such that,  $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ :  
 $\forall n \geq n_0 \Rightarrow (F_n, G_n) \in S_d((F, G), \varepsilon)$  (or equivalently:  $d(L_n, L) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ). We then  
write  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (F_n, G_n) = (F, G)$ .  $\square$

Remark (8.11): It is readily shown that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (F_n, G_n) = (F, G)$  iff  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_n = F$   
and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G_n = G$ .  $\square$

Proposition (8.14): If  $(F_n, G_n) \rightarrow (F, G)$  and  $(F'_n, G'_n) \rightarrow (F', G')$ , then in the  
metric space  $(L_{m,n}; d)$ ,  $d((F_n, G_n), (F'_n, G'_n)) \rightarrow d((F, G), (F', G'))$ .

Proof

Let us assume that  $L_n = (F_n, G_n)$ ,  $M_n = (F'_n, G'_n)$ ,  $L = (F, G)$ ,  $M = (F', G')$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

So we have to prove that: If  $L_n \rightarrow L$ ,  $M_n \rightarrow M$  then  $d(L_n, M_n) \rightarrow d(L, M)$ .

For every  $x, y, z, u \in L_{m,n}$  by using the triangle inequality we can see that

$$|d(x, y) - d(z, u)| \leq d(x, z) + d(y, u).$$

Thus by setting  $x = L_n$ ,  $y = M_n$ ,  $z = L$ ,  $u = M$  we have

$|d(L_n, M_n) - d(L, M)| \leq d(L_n, L) + d(M_n, M)$ . From the assumptions  $L_n \rightarrow L$  and  $M_n \rightarrow M$

it follows that  $d(L_n, L) \rightarrow 0$  and  $d(M_n, M) \rightarrow 0$  and thus  $d(L_n, M_n) - d(L, M) \rightarrow 0 \iff$

$\iff d(L_n, M_n) \rightarrow d(L, M)$ . □

Remark (8.12): We can derive the same results by using the metric  $d^*$  on  $L_{m,n}$  instead of  $d$ . □

Remark (8.13): From the obvious fact that  $\max\{\|F - F'\|, \|G - G'\|\} \leq \|F - F'\| + \|G - G'\|$  we have that  $d^*((F, G), (F', G')) \leq d((F, G), (F', G')) \forall (F, G), (F', G') \in L_{m,n}$ ; that means that the metric topology induced by  $d^*$  on  $L_{m,n}$  is stronger than the metric topology induced by  $d$ . □

Remark (8.14): We can easily seen that the functions,

$$+: L_{m,n} \times L_{m,n} \rightarrow L_{m,n}: ((F_1, G_1), (F_2, G_2)) \xrightarrow{+} (F_1 + F_2, G_1 + G_2)$$

$$\cdot: \mathbb{R} \times L_{m,n} \rightarrow L_{m,n}: (\lambda, (F, G)) \xrightarrow{\cdot} (\lambda F, \lambda G)$$

are continuous for the topologies induced by  $d, d^*$  respectively on  $L_{m,n}$ .

Thus,  $(L_{m,n}; d)$ ,  $(L_{m,n}; d^*)$  are topological vector spaces (T.V.S.).

## 8.7 The "space-frequency relativistic" properties of $S(F, G)$ and duality

In Chapter (6) the notion of Bilinear strict equivalence  $E_{H-B}$  on the set  $L_{m,n}$  has been introduced and a complete set of invariants of homogeneous matrix pencils under this equivalence has been defined. The motivation behind this study has been our desire to provide the theory that can high-



light the further aspects of duality existing between the differential systems  $S(F,G)$  and  $\hat{S}(F,G)$  which are related in terms of a rather simple bilinear transformation [Kar. & Hay. -1]. In this final section, our effort is focused on the classification of subspaces of the domain of  $(F,G)$ , as well as of the dynamic properties of  $S(F,G)$  in terms of their invariance, or dependence on  $E_{H-B}$  transformations. Such a classification may be referred to as a "space-frequency relativistic" classification, since  $E_{H-B}$  transformations express coordinate transformations in the domain and codomain of  $(F,G)$  and coordinate transformations of the points of the Riemann sphere. The results presented here provide the means for defining "convenient" dual formulations of problems of linear system theory; the term convenient may be referred to the computational, or the conceptual aspects of the considered problem. The duality aspects between the  $S(F,G)$  and  $\hat{S}(F,G)$  differential systems have been already extensively discussed in the previous chapters; the general case of bilinear transformations is examined next.

Definition (8.12): Let  $L = (F,G)$ ,  $L' = (F',G') \in L_{m,n}$  and  $S(F,G): \underline{F}\underline{x} = \underline{G}\underline{x}$ ,  $S(F',G'): \underline{F}'\underline{x}' = \underline{G}'\underline{x}'$  be the corresponding systems.  $S(F,G)$ ,  $S(F',G')$  will be called  $E_{H-B}$ -dual,  $E_H$ -dual, if  $LE_{H-B}L'$ ,  $LE_HL'$  respectively.  $\square$

All pairs in  $L_{m,n}$  have as a common domain the space  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . The problem considered next is the study of the nature of a given subspace  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  with respect to different pairs  $(F,G)$  of a bilinear orbit  $E_B(F,G)$ . By  $L_V \triangleq (F,G)/V$ ,  $L = (F,G) \in L_{m,n}$  we shall denote in short the homogeneous restriction pencil. Furthermore, by  $H_{m,n}$  we shall denote the strict equivalence group defined on  $L_{m,n}$

Proposition (8.15): Let  $L = (F,G)$ ,  $L' = (F',G') \in L_{m,n}$ ,  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a subspace and let  $\dim V = d$ . If for some  $b \in B$ ,  $L' = b_0 L$ , then there exist  $h \in H_{m,d}$  such that  $L'_V = h * b_0 L_V$ .

Proof

If  $L \xrightarrow{b} L' = (F', G')$ , where  $F' = aFV - cGV$ ,  $G' = dGV - bFV$ , then  $L_V \xrightarrow{b} L'_V = \lambda(aFV - cGV) - \mu(dGV - bFV) = \lambda F'V - \mu G'V = L'_V$ . Given that  $V$  is not uniquely defined, the result follows.  $\square$

Remark (8.15): Proposition (8.15) also holds true, if we consider the more general case of  $E_{H_\ell - B}$  equivalence where  $H_\ell$  is the left strict equivalence subgroup of  $H_{m,n}$  (i.e. transformations defined by pair  $(R, I_n)$ ).  $\square$

For a given subspace  $V$  of the domain of  $L_{m,n}$  in general there is no relationship between the strict equivalence invariants of  $L_V, L'_V$  for general  $L, L' \in L_{m,n}$ . However, if  $LE_B L'$ , or more generally  $LE_{H_\ell - B} L'$ , the last result shows that  $L_V E_{H - B} L'_V$  and thus certain relationships hold true between the  $E_H$ -invariants of  $L_V, L'_V$ . These relationships are defined by the properties of  $E_H$ -invariants under  $E_B$ -transformations and according to the nature of  $L_V$ , the geometric and dynamic properties of  $V$  with respect to different pairs  $L \in E_B(F, G)$ , the  $E_B$ -orbit of a given pair, may remain invariant, or vary. The real, complex list and root range of a subspace  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  with respect to a pair  $L = (F, G)$ , are defined on  $L_V = (F, G)/V$  and shall be denoted by  $J_{\mathbb{R}}(L_V)$ ,  $J_{\mathbb{C}}(L_V)$ ,  $\Phi(L_V)$  respectively. In the following the properties of the different types of invariant subspaces under  $E_B$ -equivalence are examined, identical results may be given for the  $E_{H_\ell - B}$ -equivalence case.

Proposition (8.16): Let  $L = (F, G) \in L_{m,n}$ ,  $V \in \mathbb{R}^n$  be a subspace and let  $c_\ell(F, G; V)$  be the corresponding left  $(F, G)$  order of  $V$ .

- (i)  $c_\ell(F, G; V)$  is invariant for  $\forall L' = (F', G'; V) \in E_B(F, G)$ .
- (ii) If  $V$  is a  $(W, U)$ -p.i.s. with respect to  $(F, G)$  then it is also a  $(W, U)$ -p.i.s. with respect any  $(F', G') \in E_B(F, G)$ .

Proof

$c_{\ell}(F, G; V)$  is devined by the set of r.m.i. and thus it is invariant under  $E_B$ -equivalence, which proves (i). The subspace  $V$  is a  $(W, U)$ -p.i.s., iff  $c_{\ell}(F, G; V) = 0$ . By part (i) the result follows.  $\square$

The property of  $V$  to be a  $(W, U)$ -p.i.s. is invariant under  $E_B$ -equivalence and thus it is a property of the orbit  $E_B(F, G)$  and not only of the particular  $L \in E_B(F, G)$ . The family of all possible  $(W, U)$ -p.i.s. defined on  $(F, G)$  shall be denoted by  $Z_{p.i.}$ . The above result also implies that for specific subfamilies of  $Z_{p.i.}$ , their more specific characterising property always varies within the set of properties characterising subfamilies of  $Z_{p.i.}$  under  $E_B$ -equivalence. The  $E_B$ -invariance property of more specific subfamilies of  $Z_{p.i.}$  is considered next.

Theorem (8.4): Let  $L = (F, G) \in L_{m,n}$ ,  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a c.-(F,G)-i.s. and let  $J_{\mathbb{R}}(L_V)$  be the corresponding real list. Necessary and sufficient condition for  $V$  to be a c.-(F',G')-i.s. for  $\forall (F', G') \in E_B(F, G)$ , is that  $J_{\mathbb{R}}(L_V) = \emptyset$ .

Proof

Since  $V$  is a c.-(F,G)-i.s., then it may be decomposed as  $V = V_{\mathbb{E}} \oplus V_{\alpha}$  where  $V_{\alpha}$  may be expressed as  $V_{\alpha} = V_{\alpha}^{\mathbb{R}} \oplus V_{\alpha}^{\mathbb{C}}$ ;  $V_{\alpha}^{\mathbb{R}}, V_{\alpha}^{\mathbb{C}}$  are finite non zero e.d.s. which correspond to real, complex e.d. respectively.

If  $J_{\mathbb{R}}(L_V) = \emptyset$ , then the invariance of c.m.i. implies that  $V_{\mathbb{E}}$  will be a c.m.i. subspace for every  $(F', G') \in E_B(F, G)$ . Similarly, because a pair of complex conjugate e.d. is always mapped under any  $b \in B$  to a pair of complex conjugate e.d., it follows that under any  $b \in B$   $V_{\alpha}^{\mathbb{C}}$  becomes also a  $V_{\alpha}^{\mathbb{C}}$  subspace which is c.-(F,G)-i.s.. Therefore, if  $J_{\mathbb{R}}(L_V) = \emptyset$ , then  $V$  is c.-(F,G)-i.s. for  $\forall L \in E_B(F, G)$ . The necessity is proved by contradiction. Assume that  $J_{\mathbb{R}}(L_V) \neq \emptyset$ . Then there exist a real non zero e.d.s. in  $V_{\alpha}^{\mathbb{R}}$ ,

say  $\nu_{\lambda}^{\mathbb{R}}$ , associated with a frequency  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$ . We can always define a  $b \in \mathcal{B}$  such that  $\lambda$  may be mapped either at zero, or infinity; Under such transformations  $\nu_{\lambda}^{\mathbb{R}}$  will behave either as a zero e.d.s., or as an infinite e.d.s. Clearly, for some appropriate  $b \in \mathcal{B}$  the c.-(F,G)-i.s. property is violated.  $\square$

A c.-(F,G)-i.s.  $V$  with  $J_{\mathbb{R}}(L_V)$  will be referred to as a strong complete-(F,G)-invariant subspace (s.c.-(F,G)-i.s.) and the family of all such subspaces defined on (F,G) will be denoted by  $\mathcal{V}_{s.c.}$ . The property of a subspace to be a c.-(F,G)-i.s. is clearly invariant for subspaces of the  $\mathcal{V}_{s.c.}$  under  $E_B$ -equivalence. Two important subfamilies of  $\mathcal{V}_{s.c.}$  are: the family  $\mathcal{P}_{i,r}$  of all  $I_c$ -(F,G)-c.m.i.s. and the family  $\mathcal{F}_{f.i.}$  of  $\Phi$ -(F,G)-e.d.s. with  $J_{\mathbb{R}}(L_V) = \emptyset$ ; a subspace  $V \in \mathcal{F}_{f.i.}$  will be called a strong- $\Phi$ -(F,G)-e.d.s. (s.- $\Phi$ -(F,G)-e.d.s.). From Theorem (8.4) we have:

Corollary (8.1): Let  $L = (F,G) \in L_{m,n}$  and let  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a subspace.

- (i) If  $V$  is an  $I_c$ -(F,G)-c.i.s., then for  $\forall (F',G') \in E_B(F,G)$   $V$  is also an  $I_c$ -(F',G')-c.i.s.
- (ii) If  $V$  is a s.- $\Phi$ -(F,G)-e.d.s. with list  $J_{\mathbb{C}}(L_V)$ , then for  $\forall (F',G') \in E_B(F,G)$   $V$  is also a s.- $\Phi'$ -(F,G)-e.d.s. with list  $J_{\mathbb{C}}(L_V) = J_{\mathbb{C}}(L'_V)$ .  $\square$

Note that under  $E_B$ -equivalence the lists  $J_{\mathbb{R}}(L_V)$ ,  $J_{\mathbb{C}}(L_V)$  are invariant, but not the root range.

Corollary (8.2): Let  $(F,G) \in L_{m,n}$ ,  $E_B(F,G)$  its  $E_B$ -orbit and let  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a subspace. If  $V$  is e.-(G,F)-i.s., or e.-(F,G)-i.s., or e.c.-(F,G)-i.s., then  $\exists (F',G') \in E_B(F,G)$  such that  $V$  is a c.-(F',G')-i.s.  $\square$

The proof of the above result follows along similar lines to that of Theorem (8.4). From the above two corollaries we may give a classification of the dynamic properties of a subspace  $V$  under  $E_B$ -equivalence transformations.



Corollary (8.3): Let  $(F,G) \in L_{m,n}$ ,  $E_B(F,G)$  its  $E_B$ -orbit and let  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a subspace.

- (i) If  $V$  is a  $C^\infty$ -r.s. with respect to  $(F,G)$ , then for  $\forall (F',G') \in E_B(F,G)$   $V$  is a  $C^\infty$ -r.s.
- (ii) If  $V$  is a  $D'_B$ -h.s. with respect to  $(F,G)$ , then for  $\forall (F',G') \in E_B(F,G)$   $V$  is a  $D'_B$ -h.s.. There exist, however,  $(F',G') \in E_B(F,G)$  such that  $V$  is  $C^\infty$ -h.s. with respect to  $(F'',G'')$ .
- (iii) If  $V$  is a  $D'_B$ -r.s. with respect to  $(F,G)$ , there exist  $(F',G') \in E_B(F,G)$  such that  $V$  is not a  $D'_B$ -r.s. with respect to  $(F',G')$ . □

From the above result it follows that the  $C^\infty$ -reachability and  $D'_B$ -holdability are "strong" properties since they hold true with respect to any pair in  $E_B(F,G)$  and any general subspace  $V$  having the above properties. Contrary to that, the  $C^\infty$ -holdability and  $D'_B$ -reachability are "weak" properties since for a general subspace  $V$  either of the above properties may depend on the particular  $(F',G') \in E_B(F,G)$ .

### 8.8 Conclusions

The topological results given in this chapter, are of a preliminary nature. In fact, they connect some of the known results on the perturbation theory of the generalised-eigenvalue eigenvector problem with the geometric concepts which have been developed in the previous section. The means by which these links have been achieved is via the new metrics which have been defined. The importance of these new metrics in the study of properties of pencils under uncertainty has yet to be proved; however, the links with the standard theory, their "easy" from the computational viewpoint nature and their intuitively simple forms, as means to measure uncertainty are encouraging indicators.

The application of the Bilinear Strict equivalence theory for the classification of the geometric and dynamic properties of the various types of invariant subspaces, under  $E_B$ -equivalence, provide a "relativistic" classification of these properties. Thus, the notions of  $\tilde{C}^\infty$ -reachability and  $D'_B$ -holdability have emerged as "strong" properties, whereas those of  $D'_B$ -reachability and  $\tilde{C}^\infty$ -holdability as "weak". The results on  $E_B$ -equivalence may be used for the definition of convenient dual systems in the standard, or extended state space theory. In the standard linear system theory, the above "relativistic" classification implies that controllability, observability, and almost (A,B)-invariance are "strong" properties, whereas those of almost controllability and (A,B)-invariance are "weak"; furthermore it is worth pointing out that in this context, the property of stability is also weak, since it depends on the particular transformation  $b \in B$ .

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The main objective of the thesis was to develop further a number of important aspects of matrix pencil theory which are relevant to linear systems theory. By creating an enriched matrix pencil theory it is believed that a unifying, matrix pencil based approach to the study of regular and extended state space systems may be established. The results in this thesis aim at this direction. In fact, they establish a complete number theoretic treatment of the S.E. invariants, develop further the geometric theory of matrix pencils and the dynamic theory of  $S(F,G)$  systems, produce a framework for the study of stability of invariants (robustness) and develop a theory of invariants under B.S.E. transformations.

The essence of the number theoretic characterisation of the S.E. invariants is that it is based on the study of Piecewise Arithmetic Progression type sequences defined on an ordered pair  $(F,G)$ , without using the underlying algebraic notions. Given that all types of invariants are characterised in a similar manner, the approach is unifying. For the computation of the sequences it is assumed that the root range of  $(F,G)$  is known; a singular value decomposition may then be used to compute the ranks of appropriate sequences of matrices, and from those ranks the sequences. The analysis of discontinuity properties may be carried out by Ferrer's type diagrams. These results lead to a method for computing the Kronecker form without using special type transformations. The only inherent computational difficulty of the method is defining the root range of  $(F,G)$ .

The study of geometry of matrix pencils presented here has two interrelated parts. The first deals with the geometry of the different types of strict equivalence invariants and it is manifested by the structure of generalised null spaces (the case of e.d.) and annihilating spaces (case of c.m.i., r.m.i.). This part is intimately connected with the P.A.P.S. theory



and defines the structure of bases of the elementary invariant subspaces (i.e. those characterised by one type of S.E. invariants). The properties of the special basis matrices indicate the nature of the abstract subspace algorithms developed in geometric theory; in fact, it is believed, that it is possible to develop these abstract algorithms using the properties of the basis matrices itself. An additional gain out of this study is the understanding of the module structure of the right and left null spaces of a pencil; these result culminate in a purely geometric construction of the minimal bases. It is believed that the minimal bases results, derived on matrix pencils may be extended to the case of a general polynomial matrix, thus providing a geometric theory of minimal bases with obvious computational advantages.

The second part of the geometry study revolves around the restriction pencil of a given subspace. The notions of  $(F,G)$ -,  $(G,F)$ -, complete  $(F,G)$ -invariant subspaces, extended  $(F,G)$ -,  $(G,F)$ -, complete  $(F,G)$ -invariant subspaces and  $(F,G)$ -right annihilating spaces generalise the standard notions of invariant subspaces of the geometric theory, since first they extend them to the case of a general pair  $(F,G)$  (in the standard geometric theory  $(F,G)$  is entirely right singular) and second because they also imply the duals of the standard geometric theory invariant subspaces. The advantage of the new notions is due to the generality of the pair, their close links with the number theoretic and computational aspects of  $(F,G)$ , as well as with the underlying algebra. The asymptotic properties of infinite spectrum invariant subspaces may be established by using the notion of invariant regular realizations  $(\tilde{F}, \tilde{G}; \tilde{V})$  of the triple  $(F, G; V)$ ; this approach enlarges the domain and the sequences of subspaces are from the domain of  $(\tilde{F}, \tilde{G})$ . It is questionable whether an asymptotic characterisation of infinite spectrum subspaces may be achieved with sequences from the domain of  $(F, G)$ .

The theory of invariant regular realizations of a triple  $(F, G; V)$  may be extended to the case where the realization  $(\tilde{F}, \tilde{G}; \tilde{V})$  has  $(\tilde{F}, \tilde{G})$  not entirely right singular; in fact,  $(\tilde{F}, \tilde{G})$  may be characterised by c.m.i. and i.e.d. Such an invariant theory allows the bridging of the general theory, presented on  $(F, G)$ , with extended state space linear systems theory. There are however, a number of problems which have to be resolved here; especially those related to the interpretation of S.E. transformations with meaningful notions of feedback.

The dynamic properties of  $S(F, G)$ , i.e. the properties of the solution space, have demonstrated that the S.E. invariants are essential in the characterisation of the redundancy space, the initial space and solution space of the differential system. They have emphasised that system theoretic properties such as controllability, almost controllability have a deeper meaning, since they are also valid for  $S(F, G)$  representations; in fact, for the latter case they take the form of  $C^\infty$ -, distributional reachability. The different families of invariant subspaces have been classified according to the properties of  $C^\infty$ -, distributional holdability and  $C^\infty$ -, distributional reachability; these properties are the counterparts of  $(A, B)$ -invariance, almost  $(A, B)$ -invariance and controllability, almost controllability. As with the asymptotic characterisation of infinite spectrum invariant subspaces, it is really questionable, whether distributional holdability, reachability may be interpreted as almost  $C^\infty$ -holdability, reachability properties (in the sense defined by Willems in standard geometric theory) with trajectories in the domain of  $(F, G)$ . Using the regular invariant realization, however, the almost  $C^\infty$ -holdability, reachability property may be established for the subspace  $\tilde{V}$  of the realization  $(\tilde{F}, \tilde{G}; \tilde{V})$  of the triple  $(F, G; V)$ . Investigating the asymptotic characterisation of infinite spectrum invariant subspaces and the almost  $C^\infty$ -holdability, reachability properties of distri-

tonally holding, reachability subspaces of  $(F,G)$ , on  $(F,G)$  itself without expanding the domain with an invariant regular realization, is a problem that deserves further investigation.

The importance of the perturbation properties of S.E. invariants and invariant subspaces of a pair  $(F,G)$  needs hardly to be emphasized. The link of the metric topologies defined in Chapter (8) with standard results of the perturbation theory of the generalised eigenvalue eigenvector problem is encouraging; the richness of the theory of topological vector spaces provides a further encouragement for trying to develop the robustness aspects of the invariants of  $(F,G)$  along these lines. The type of results we are interested in, are a general theory of robustness of invariant subspaces (along lines similar to those given for the deflating subspaces of a regular pair) and a systematic study of the generic properties of a pair  $(F,G)$ . It is believed that the general notion of deflating subspaces of a general pair  $(F,G)$  [Van Do. -3] is related to a specific way to the invariant subspaces discussed in this thesis. The exact determination of this characterisation is one of the first priorities in a future research.

The theory of invariants of matrix pencils under B.S.E. transformations provides the means for the "space-frequency" relativistic classification of geometric and dynamic properties of  $(F,G)$ . Applying the theory to the case of constructing convenient dual problems in linear systems is considered as an important area for future research. The question of defining a canonical form for B.S.E., seems to be a rather hard one; it is a theoretical one and it is connected with the construction of canonical dual problem, i.e. selection of appropriate "space-frequency" setting, which demonstrates the invariant structure of  $(F,G)$  and thus of the associated problem. Specialising the various types of B.S.E. invariants to the set of ordered pairs  $(F,G)$  (a necessary step in the definition of canonical

blocks) is rather difficult, because of the hard nature of B.S.E. invariants. However, it is still an interesting area that deserves further consideration. The work of Kublanovskaya [Kubl. -1] on the conditioning of the generalised eigenvalue-eigenvector problem with simple bilinear transformations suggests that B.S.E. is of immense importance from the numerical analysis viewpoint. Defining an "optimal" bilinear transformation, that will create the best conditioning for computations is of crucial importance and it is one of the problems we consider for future research. The condition number of  $(F,G)$  does not belong to the set of B.S.E. invariants and thus its assignment in an optimal way may be possible.

Presenting the theory of S.E. on the pair  $(F,G)$  in terms of the number theoretic properties of sequences is a more natural way for extending the theory to cases where the elements of  $F,G$  are not from  $\mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$ , but for more general fields, or possibly rings. Such a theory does not exist at the moment. Developing a theory of strict equivalence for more general case pair  $(F,G)$  is a prerequisite for expanding the matrix pencil theory to linear time varying systems and singularly perturbed systems. The underlying motivation behind such an approach, is that the ordered pair operator description is a natural representation of first order linear differential equations, thus, time varying and singularly perturbed linear systems may be treated with a generalised matrix pencil theory, if such a theory is available.



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